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AMERICA REFUSES WAR DEBT POSTPONEMENT

America's Reply to Britain gives no direct answer to the request for postponement of the December war debt instalment, but expresses confidence that Congress would consider any reasonable suggestion for facilitating the payment.
It is authoritatively foreshadowed in Paris that Britain will pay in gold.

AMERICA'S REPLY TO FRANCE

NOW IN THE HANDS OF AMBASSADOR

Washington, Dec. 8.
The American Reply to the French Note on war debts has been handed to the French Ambassador. It is believed to be conciliatory in tone without departing from the requirement that the December instalment of the war debt be paid.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S CHALLENGE

READY TO FACE THE SANCTIONS

WILL NOT BUDGE FROM STAND

Geneva, Dec. 8.

The general debate in the League Assembly closed this afternoon with a declaration by Mr. Matsuoka that Japan was ready to face the severest sanctions of the League rather than alter her standpoint regarding Manchuria.

Following the earlier threat of Japanese resignation from the League the tactics of Mr. Matsuoka have presented the Assembly with an extremely delicate situation. It is believed, however, that the



Mr. Connolly, the Irish delegate at Geneva, who with Dr. Benes, on right, sponsors the resolution condemning Japan.

League's "genius in diplomacy" will prove equal to the resolution submitted by Senator Connolly (Ireland), Dr. Benes (Czechoslovakia), and the Spanish delegate, condemning the actions of Japan, the adoption of which might involve Japan's resignation. It is believed that the resolution will be side-tracked by taking the other resolution, sponsored by the Swiss and Czechoslovakian delegates, first. This resolution refers all resolutions to the Committee of Nineteen.—Reuter.

LONDONER TURNS BUDDHIST

MR. B. L. BROUGHTON INITIATED

(Special to "Telegraph")

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Peking, Dec. 9.

In the presence of more than fifty Chinese Buddhists, including Chu Ching-lan, the well-known relief worker, Mr. B. L. Broughton, Vice-President of the Mahabodhi Society of London, has been initiated into the local Buddhist Association.
Mr. Broughton is the first Englishman to be initiated in Peking.—Reuter.

REPLY TO BRITISH DEBTS NOTE

PREPARED TO REVIEW ENTIRE SITUATION

ADMITS INCREASED BURDEN

LONDON, December 9.

THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SURVEY THE ENTIRE WAR DEBTS SITUATION IN CO-OPERATION WITH BRITAIN, TO CONSIDER WHAT MEANS MAY BE TAKEN TO RESTORE STABILITY OF EXCHANGES AND TO REVIVE TRADE, BUT MUST INSIST UPON PAYMENT OF THE DECEMBER INSTALMENT, NO MATTER WHAT DEVICE IS ADOPTED TO MITIGATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE TRANSFER.

This is the purport of America's Reply to the British War Debt Note which was released for publication today. It recognises the increased burden of the debt and its relationship to the problem of world recovery, and the dangerous possibilities inherent in the December payment.

The Note disagrees with the British contention that war debts are largely responsible for the world depression and that cancellation is essential to world recovery.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEPRESSION

The Reply of the United States Secretary of State to the British Note on War Debts says the States Government have considered the British Note with the greatest care, and proceeds: "Whatever part the debt payments may have played in the economic history of the post-war years, it is clear that in the present conditions of world-wide depression, accompanied by the sweeping fall of prices, their weight has greatly increased, and that they have a very definite relationship to the problem of recovery in which both the British and American people have such vital interest."

COMPLETE SURVEY.

The President of the United States is prepared, through whatever agency may seem appropriate, in co-operation with the British Government to survey the situation and to consider what means may be taken to bring about a restoration of the stability of currencies and exchange, a revival of trade and a recovery of prices. "I welcome the suggestion for a close examination between the United States and Great Britain of the whole subject, in preparation for the international economic conference, for I believe that there are important avenues of mutual advantage which should be thoroughly explored."

CANCELLATION NOT IMPLIED.

"Such an examination does not imply cancellation. In such an examination, there would necessarily be consideration of other forms of tangible compensation available, for the expansion of markets for the products of American agriculture and labour."

"And you will understand that the problem of foreign debts has, in the American mind, a very definite relationship with the problem of disarmament and the continuous burden which competitive armament imposes upon the entire world."

Proceeding, the reply says the United States Government cannot accept the implications

in the British Note that the loans made by the United States represent, in their interest, expenditure on destruction, that the payments heretofore made to the United States have been largely responsible for the existing world depression and the concentration of a large amount of gold in the United States and that the complete cancellation of war debts is essential to world recovery.

COMBINED LOANS.

It says that many of the loans made before the Armistice and substantially all made since, were not for destruction, and that less than one-third of the amounts expended in the United States by their debtors after she entered the war was spent for munitions and armaments.

In reaching the settlements with their debtors, the United States Government combined the loans made during the war and after the Armistice, including commercial credit, and funded all in the debt agreements.

As a different practice prevailed in Europe, the figures cited in the British Note are not strictly comparable.

OVER-EMPHASIS.

The British Note also seemed to over-emphasize the influence which the war debt payments may have had in the past on world economy. With the various observations and figures presented by the British Government in that regard, the American Government is not in accord, but does not desire to enter into a detailed discussion in view of the larger immediate issues.

In general, it is their view that the causes of depression lay in much more potent forces than these debt transactions and that arising from the international transactions of the debtor countries and the United States, the debt payments had been a relatively minor item.

GOLD "CORNER."

The argument that the payment of these debts had drained the

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WAR DEBTS AND WORLD CRISIS.—Our pictures convey an impression of the consequences of the world wide crisis. (1) London's bread lines. (2) Communism in Hyde Park (3) Feeding homeless in New York (4) Rhode Island riots (5) Relief centres in Berlin (6) Lining up at Berlin soup kitchens (7) Rioters in Valencia.

INVOICE OFFICE MYSTERY

MR. Y. H. WEN NOW IN SHANGHAI

CANTON STORY OF ABOLITION

No information has reached the Chinese Invoice Office in Hongkong regarding a report from the Central Press Agency, a semi-official bureau in Canton, to the effect that the Nanking Government is contemplating the abolition of the Office, which was only opened eight days ago.

According to the Canton report, there is strong opposition by the merchants and trade guilds in Canton to the continuance of the office, on the ground that the consular invoices mean an additional levy to the Customs tariff and that it is raising the price of staple foods, much of which has to be imported.

When a Telegraph representative called at the Invoice Office this morning, he was informed that Mr. Y. H. Wen, the Invoice Officer, is now in Shanghai, being en route to Nanking to report on the working of the Office to the Government.

CANTON-VISIT.

The acting Invoice Officer, it was further stated, had just returned from Canton where he had been discussing with merchants the question of charges.

The officer temporarily in charge of the Office, asked if he had seen the Canton report, said: "No information has been received by us on the matter. I do not see," he added, "how this office can be abolished without official notification to the Hongkong and British Governments, which have given us power to function in the Colony."

INDIAN PARLEY SUSPENDED

WILL BE RESUMED LATER

London, Dec. 8.

After concluding its general discussion on Federal finance, the Indian Round Table Conference today adjourned.

A date for resuming is to be fixed later, in accordance with the progress of the various committees.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is returning to London this week-end for an immediate Cabinet meeting for the purpose of drafting a further Note to America, in which it will be indicated that the debt will be paid in gold.

The Note will express satisfaction that the United States is ready to arrange a review of the debts and will ask for acceleration of such enquiry.—Reuter.

DISARMAMENT

FIVE-POWER MEETING

GERMANY WILLING TO RE-ENTER

ON CONDITIONS

Germany has declared her willingness to re-enter the Disarmament Conference under certain conditions.

This was announced following another meeting of the five principal Powers, Britain, France, United States, Germany and Italy, Sir John Simon presiding in the absence of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who is now on his way back from Paris.

The meeting was very brief. Baron von Neurath informed Mr. Norman Davis and the other delegates that, as a result of his communications with the German Government, he was able to announce Germany's acceptance of the American plan and willingness to re-enter the Disarmament Conference provided she was conceded "equality in every respect."

M. Paul Boncour, the French delegate, French Minister of War, asked him to state in writing what he meant by "equality in every respect."

It is generally felt that the French will not accept the principle that equality should be the starting-point of the future discussions.—Reuter.

FIRST HALF GOALS

INTER-VARSITY SOCCER

CAMBRIDGE WIN COMFORTABLY

London, Dec. 8.

Cambridge University defeated Oxford University by three goals to one in the annual association football match at Stamford Bridge to-day.

All the goals were obtained in the first half. Moxon went through to score for the Light Blues when the game was a few minutes old.

Moss equalised for Oxford in a swift rally, but the Cambridge half-backs afterwards gained a grip on the game and Oxford were kept well in hand.

A series of bright passing movements culminated in Cooper giving Cambridge the lead and before the interval, the same player scored a snap goal which, with Cambridge definitely on top, practically settled the result.

Bright play was witnessed in the early stages of the second half, but Oxford's strenuous efforts failed to make any impression on the steady Cambridge defence, and interest gradually faded. The Light Blues on several occasions came close to increasing their lead.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S LATEST DRIVE

OPERATIONS NEAR KIRIN

Harbin, Dec. 9.

Following their successful expedition along the western section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, the Japanese are now diverting their attention to the area north-east of Kirin, where they intend to launch a drive aimed at the elimination of Generals Li Tu and Ting Chao.

This is the information given to Reuter by a high Japanese military official.

It is declared that the Japanese will pursue the drive right to the Soviet frontier, if necessary, but will not cross over.—Reuter.

FINE WEATHER

The anticyclone has extended eastward to South Japan. Fresh to strong monsoon will continue along the coast, and over the China Sea. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine.

ULTIMATUM TO PERSIA

PREREMPTORY BRITISH NOTE SENT

A WEEK'S GRACE

London, Dec. 8.

A preremptory Note has been handed to the Persian Government by the British Minister demanding the withdrawal of the cancellation of the D'Arcy Concession.

It is officially stated that the British Note declares that unless Persia withdraws the cancellation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's rights by December 16, the British Government will refer the matter to the Hague Court as a matter of urgency.

The Hague Court, the Note adds, will be requested to indicate the provisional measures which may be taken to preserve British oil rights in Persia.—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL DEMAND.

In the House of Commons, Captain Eden read the text of the Note, which was handed to the Persian Foreign Minister on December 2nd and which described the Persian Government's action as an inadmissible breach of the terms of the concession.

The Note stated that the British Government took a most serious view of the Persian Government's conduct, and demanded the immediate withdrawal of the notification issued to the Company. The hope was expressed that the Persian Government would be at pains to reach an amicable settlement in direct negotiation with the Company, but the British Government would, if the necessity arose, take all legitimate measures to protect their just and indisputable interests.

The Note added that the British (Continued on Page 7.)

SU PING-WEN'S FATE

CONFLICTING TALES IN HARBIN

Harbin, Dec. 9.

Reports regarding the fate of General Su Ping-wen are most conflicting, some stating that he is still in Soviet territory and others that he is among four thousand Chinese troops sent back into Chinese territory.—Reuter.

OUR VARYING DOLLAR

SLIGHTLY DOWN TO-DAY

The Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th this morning to 1s. 3 3/4d. The market locally is absolutely dead.

In London, silver dropped 1/8th. China gold and India was a small buyer, the market closing steady. After the official fixing, the market ruled idle.

New York reports silver down 1/8th, with the market dull. Futures are also down.

SALVAGE WORK ABANDONED

M. 2 OPERATIONS NOT TO CONTINUE

London, Dec. 8.

In announcing the final abandonment of the M.2 salvage operations, the Lords of the Admiralty pay a tribute to the skill and courage of the divers and others, and say the experience gained fully justified the operations.

British Wireless.

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN



Tailored for morning, dressy for afternoon or sportsey for runabout wear, the winter suits have one appealing thing in common, the beauty of the woollens from which they are made. (Left) Collegiate and very youthful is the spongy worsted suit in beige, with leopard skin cuffs, collar, belt and hat to give it a jaunty note. (Centre) Very ladylike and flattering is the dull-surfaced suit in the new dark grey, with its pleated skirt and split peplum jacket. There is a choker of galyak to top it. (Right) Very smart for daytime wear is a brown diagonal woollen suit with beaver trimming its short jacket and fashioning a muff.

YOUR CHILDREN.

Child Training Runs into Revolt.

It is no wonder that parents become confused over the various changes in child training—the constantly shifting picture that presents a new view each year, it seems.

And yet though the picture changes, each reel brings us a new nearer to the real truth. I don't believe it is anything to be discouraged about.

The revolution of child rearing came about as most revolutions do, through extremes at first. Not only did a great many parents misunderstand such terms as "self expression" and "liberty," but many psychologists and students of child welfare themselves made certain statements they since have been compelled to modify.

All this preface is to prepare for something I wish to warn the student parent about.

Every great movement, even a revolution, after its first enthusiasm and glamour has worn off is bound to have a reaction. And I, who keep my ear close to the ground, am hearing the discontented murmur of malcontents.

Parents Are Complaining

It is not uncommon today to hear people say impatiently, "The psychologists are a lot of meddlers who have done more harm than good. The old ways were the best ways. It is good for a child to have fear. It is good for him to be whipped."

I spoke of this to a well known doctor one day recently, a specialist on nervous diseases, called by his colleagues as "The Chief" because he leads them all. He is intensely interested in children and has worked among them all over the country.

"Don't worry," he said in his genial way. "It is to be expected. This matter of educating adults in regard to understanding child na-

TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

Orange Dainties.

Orange Creams.—Serve these in half orange shells. Make a custard with an egg and a gill of milk. When cold add a gill of whipped cream and some powdered sugar. Stir in the juice of four large oranges and also a quarter ounce of gelatine dissolved in water. Stir until the cream begins to set, then pour it into the orange shells. Decorate with chopped pistachio nuts.

Baked Orange Roly-Poly.—Make and roll out a light, short crust pastry, and spread plentifully with peeled and sliced oranges. Sprinkle generously with sugar and a teaspoonful of grated orange rind. Roll up and bake in a moderate oven.

ture, child thoughts, motives and so on will take generations to perfect.

"In fact," he said, "the most encouraging part of it is the slowness with which it has taken hold. These various periods of protest we go through are encouraging also. It shows that parents are taking the subject seriously—not as a fad, and are really vitally interested."

"If they differ from new methods now and then that in itself is not serious either, as long as they are thinking."

The latest revolt seems to be about discipline. It appears that the returns of the "liberty" experiment are coming in, and many children of the method have not produced results. I think myself there have been some very bad results and that many children so handled have become selfish little nuisances.

But I do not blame the system. I lay the blame to the door of certain misunderstandings on the part of parents who mistake "liberty" for "licence" and left the words "must" and "obey" completely out of the picture.—OLIVE ROBERTS

BEAUTY HINTS.

Coiffures for Dignity Or Chic.

Winter coiffures for white hair this year can be divided into two classes: the dignified, smart ones and the original chic ones for unusual women.

Both kinds emphasize that "well groomed look" that is indispensable to any white-haired woman's chic.

First and foremost, white haired women must keep their locks in place, with no struggling curls or wisps. When you have white hair, the greatest care you ever have taken of your appearance is in order.

Immaculate grooming is what gives you distinction. And this applies, first of all to your hair. White hair that is out of place looks ten times worse and more careless than other hair.

There are some grand coiffures this winter for the white haired woman. In the first category of those that are dignified and smart comes one that allows for a few little short bangs that are worn heaved into soft half curls, pointing to the left temple.

The hair itself is divided on the left side and has loose, soft waves and the ends are turned under, not curled up. In the back the hair is cut so that the turned under ends follow the natural hairline, and these back waves must be pinned in place so they will hold.

A second coiffure, in this same category, waves the hair in broken surfaces and swirls and has its ends turned up in curls. There are a few little curls at the left temple, where the part goes. The back has a double deck of curls. This is very becoming to women with young faces.

For the distinguished white-haired coiffures, one extreme even-

MAKING YOUR BEAUTY CREAM.

Have you ever tried making your own beauty cream? Here is a good recipe for a cream that is quite simple to make.

Stand a clean jar in a vessel of warm water over very gentle heat. Pour the whites of two eggs into the jar. Stir evenly and dissolve in the egg-whites three drams of powdered alum, taking care to avoid making the egg albumen lumpy. Continue stirring carefully until the liquid part of the egg disappears. Allow to become quite cold, and then stir in one dram of boric acid, 40 drops each of tincture of benzoin and best olive oil, and five drops of mucilage of acacia. To give the cream consistency stir in sufficient rice flour. Finally perfume the cream with rose or other choice perfume, and it is ready for use.

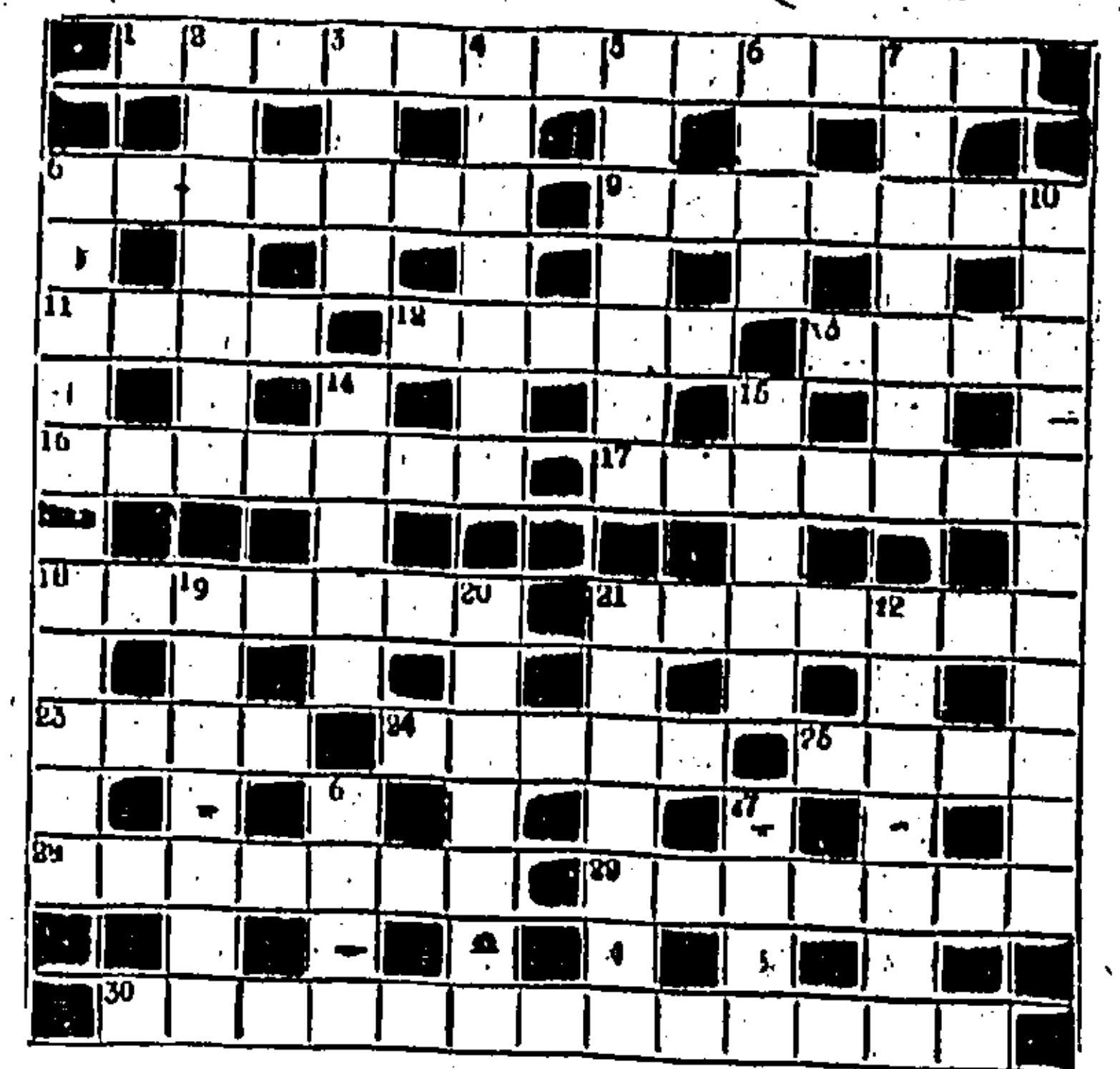
NOVEL CIGARETTE CASES.

The favourite cedar wood cigarette cases have been decorated in many ways, but one of the most attractive ways, of ornamenting them has but recently been evolved. Small peacocks and other birds worked in diamante, with tiny coloured eyes, are placed in the front of the cases, and give them a distinctly gay appearance.

ing type has a halo of soft, white curls standing up like a tiara and then the rest of the head waved and the hair drawn back into a loose knot low on the neck.

A second excellent coiffure for a very slender, chic white-haired woman lifts the hair off half the ear, with just two little curls on each temple, parts it very near the centre and has turned under ends in the back.—ALICIA HART.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across
1 "Rag mule native," and make him answer back (anagram).
8 Though not cultured you will find him pleasant for the most part.
9 "Wide open spaces."
11 Pigs do; its essential nature.
12 Spite which affects one in a peculiar fashion.
13 The darky who didn't stop at wanting to be back "on de old plantation."
16 Take a deep breath for—
17 There are no words for it.
18 There's deep water here, and evil in it.
21 Should you introduce it to your kitchen garden? There's a lot to be taken into account.
23 The sun is high in the 29 and there's practically no one here.
24 Masculine name.
25 There was an old woman comes after this in many a fairy tale.
28 Dog.
29 Is this the Thing the Lord God made . . . to trace the stars and search the— for power? (The Man with the Hoe.)
30 Through it an opportunity may be met.

Down
2 I am inside with fifty more, but parents are kept outside in the garrets.
10 Circle, for example.
14 You really must put a bone up for our little feathered friends. Do it now, there's no necessity to wait for frosty weather.
15 He's in a mechanical contrivance somewhere in Surrey.
19 Faithful to its own spots.
20 Such landscapes cannot be seen at 23.
21 It's not by his this behended that the schoolboy gets them.
22 Throws a powerful light by magic.
26 In the centre for those who make use of their knowledge well.
27 What the young man says he puts most of it round the girl to keep her.

Yesterday's Solution.

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H.K. WHITE SLAVE TRAFFICKERS.

HARROWING CASE OF TWO WOMEN DESCRIBED

The sordid story of two Chinese women who fell into the clutches of "white-slave" traffickers was unfolded to Mr. Grantham at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Yu Sin-cho, a former soldier in the Cantonese army, and Un Chi, a middle-aged woman, were charged with enticing, detaining and procuring the women for the purposes of prostitution.

At the age of 32, it was disclosed, Man Kwong-yung, spinster, turned to thoughts of matrimony, and when Yu Sin-cho, well-known to her, approached with an offer of work and a husband at Canton, she, with her widowed elder sister, likewise bent, accompanied him and the woman Un Chi to Fatshan.

There, instead of work or the husbands they were led to expect, they found themselves coerced into following an undesirable calling.

Some time towards the latter part of last month, the elder sister escaped, and returned to Hongkong, and she brought news which led to an exchange of information between the Police of the two cities.

A lightning raid was carried out on a brothel at Fatshan, and the rescue of the other woman resulted, followed by the arrest of the accused.

Both defendants were convicted, and sentenced to the maximum penalty of a year's hard labour.

MILFORDHAVEN

MARQUESS PLACED ON NAVY RETIRED LIST

London, Dec. 8.
The Admiralty announces that Commander the Marquess of Milfordhaven has been placed on the retired list, at his request. He is a second cousin of the King and is 40 years of age. He served with distinction at the battles of Heligo and Dogger Bank, and Jutland.—British Wireless.

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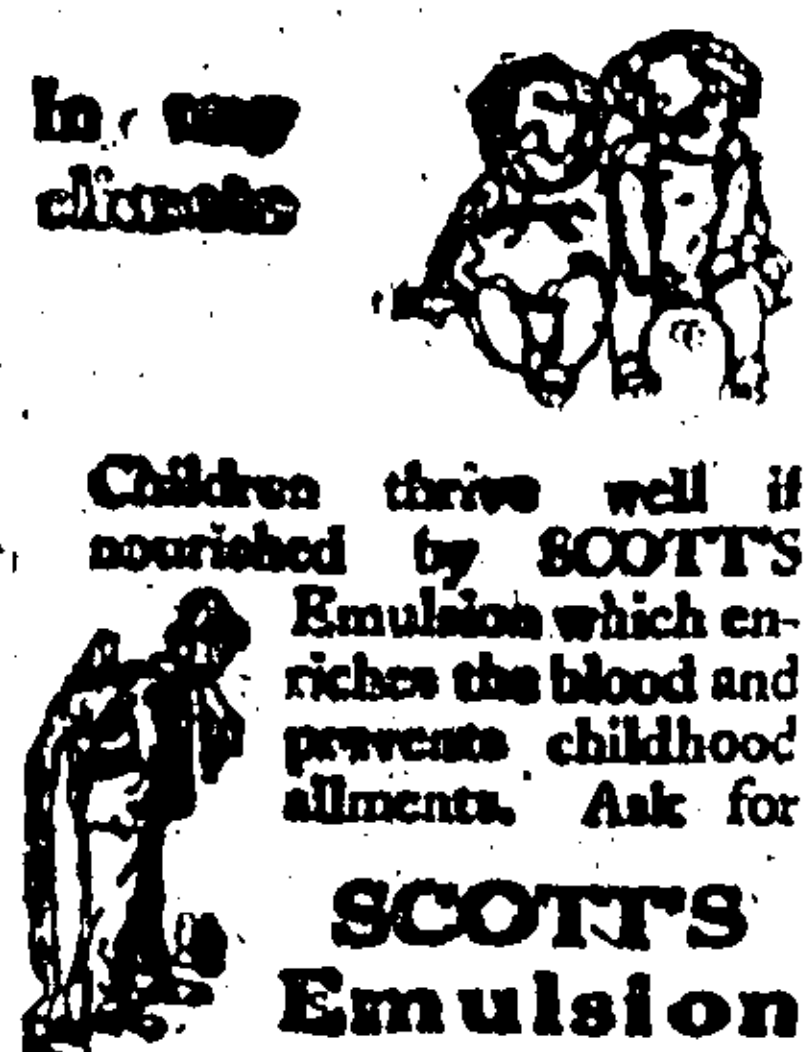


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CALL OF THE WEST

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CHAPTER XLIII.

Asper went to Dona's room that night to make sure she was resting well. He meant to be off for Pass Creek long before sun-up next morning. Dudley was sitting attentively beside her. Asper stayed a half hour and when he got up to go nodded for Dudley to follow him.

"I'll have to ride out tomorrow morning on an important matter," he spoke gravely. "Don't mention it to Dona and stay with her. See that she is moved out on the porch and made comfortable."

Dudley smiled and slapped Asper on the arm. He was in rare good spirits. "I'll take care of Dona. You better be careful of yourself and get back on time." Dudley could not help adding this bit of advice.

Asper turned to his room. He went inside and got out his old revolver. He had decided not to take any men with him. They would be in the way in case he wanted to scout around quietly.

Asper Delo had suddenly decided that he was on the track of all his troubles. Stan Ball had convinced him that there was a reason for all this trouble beyond a feud between them, and Asper was a man who liked to get at the bottom of things.

The next morning he was up and had dressed before dawn. He left the building without making a sound. Down at the corral all was quiet and he was able to saddle a horse without disturbing anyone.

The cold morning air struck him in the face as he headed toward the Pass Creek trail. Asper smiled grimly as he thought of

Ball. This time he would be as wary as an old fox. There would be no waylaying along the trail. If Ball was just drawing him on, the gunman would be fooled.

For several miles he followed the batten trail, then as grey dawn began to light the woods he took to cover and moved carefully from one patch of timber to another. He rode with eyes and ears alert and kept his heavy gun ready for instant action.

Asper's route took him high along the side of the mountain and brought him out above the low saddle of the divide that separated Pass Creek from Three Rivers. On a rocky point overlooking the valley he was about to explore. Asper halted and began to make a general survey of the canyon below. A light breeze was fanning up through the stunted spruce as he bent forward to listen. Distinctly through the dawn came the rumble of a truck motor. The old timber man listened.

"Ball was right," he muttered as he sent his horse toward the sound.

Asper rode down the steep slope at an angle. He had gone a hundred yards when his horse broke through a thick growth of scrub oak and walked into a batten trail. Asper halted to look around carefully. The trail was higher up than would have been reasonable for a horse or pack road. Any builder of trails would have crossed the divide lower down in the saddle to avoid the climb around the mountain unless he wanted to hide his path. The old timber king bent and checked the black dust for

horse tracks. Someone had gone down over that trail the night before.

Asper pulled aside into the brush and sat thinking. He had made a very important discovery but he did not know that Dona had done the same thing several days before. He was mulling over the significance of his find when a snapping twig warned him someone was coming. He peered through the wide oak leaves and waited, his gun ready.

Below him a black horse appeared on the trail. Asper could see a cowboy hat bent low to avoid branches and limbs. The rider was approaching unsuspectingly. Asper granted, "Walking right into my hands." He levelled his gun and waited.

The man came on at an easy trot. His horse evidently knew the twisting trail well. When the black was opposite him Asper pushed his horse into the clear and spoke sharply. "Put up your hands."

The rider jerked suddenly, then his hands rose slowly and his face was revealed. Asper's eyes widened. He was staring into the face of his timber boss.

"Swergin!" Asper exclaimed, but he did not lower his gun. "Put up that gun," Swergin growled.

Asper crowded close. "I'll take yours, first," he said grimly, then added, "Just to make sure."

Swergin's face contorted into a scowl. "You sure got a nerve," he protested angrily. Asper faced his foreman after relieving him of his gun. "Now explain the activity down in the canyon!" Swergin lowered his arms and

shifted his weight in the saddle. "What activity?" he asked. "You know what I mean. And you're at it you might explain the black horse and the cowboy getup."

"I got myself dressed up this way to take Ball in," Swergin's manner was surly. "What is going on down in the canyon? You might as well spit it out. I'm going down there to see for myself." Asper was cold as steel. He was a timber boss again.

Swergin twisted farther around in his saddle and his lips parted in a beefy smile. Asper caught a glint in the man's eyes that warned him of trouble but he was not quick enough to meet it. A rifle barrel jammed into the small of his back and he knew he had made a mistake. Swergin had friends with him.

"Don't make a move," a voice from behind ordered. Inwardly berating himself, Asper sat still while Swergin recovered his gun and took Asper's gun away from him. Swergin was looking triumphantly now.

"Get a rope and tie his hands in front of him," he ordered. The man who had shoved the rifle into Asper's back rode around in front and dismounted. Swergin covered his employer with his six gun while the man proceeded to tie Asper fast to his own saddle horn.

"You can't get away with this stuff," Asper growled. "If you'd have kept your nose out of Pass Creek for another day you would have saved yourself a lot of trouble," Swergin said as he

tested the rope that held his boss. "You are as low as they come, Swergin!" Asper fumed. "Send him on ahead." The timber boss paid no attention to Asper's wrath.

The three riders trailed slowly through the timber and finally left the trail where it crossed the ridge.

Finally they halted before the cabin where Stan had been held prisoner. Asper noted grimly that he had not checked his country very well. The evidence of the cabin had been unknown to him.

Swergin forced him to dismount and made him enter the log shack. With a rope, he tied Asper to the same wall he had tied Stan to.

"You better reconsider this," Asper shouted angrily.

"We'll tell you what we aim to do, later," Swergin answered as he strode away.

Asper could hear him giving his man orders. "Ride back down and tell the boys to clean up the last of the timber and head out with it."

A few minutes later Swergin returned. He sat down on a sawed stump and began pulling off his cowboy togs. As quickly as he had undressed he dressed again in lumberman's togs which were hanging on the log wall. "Can't you let an old man sit down?" Asper demanded. Swergin kicked the stump he had used as a chair toward his former boss. "Squat on that and take it easy while you can," he sneered. (To be continued).

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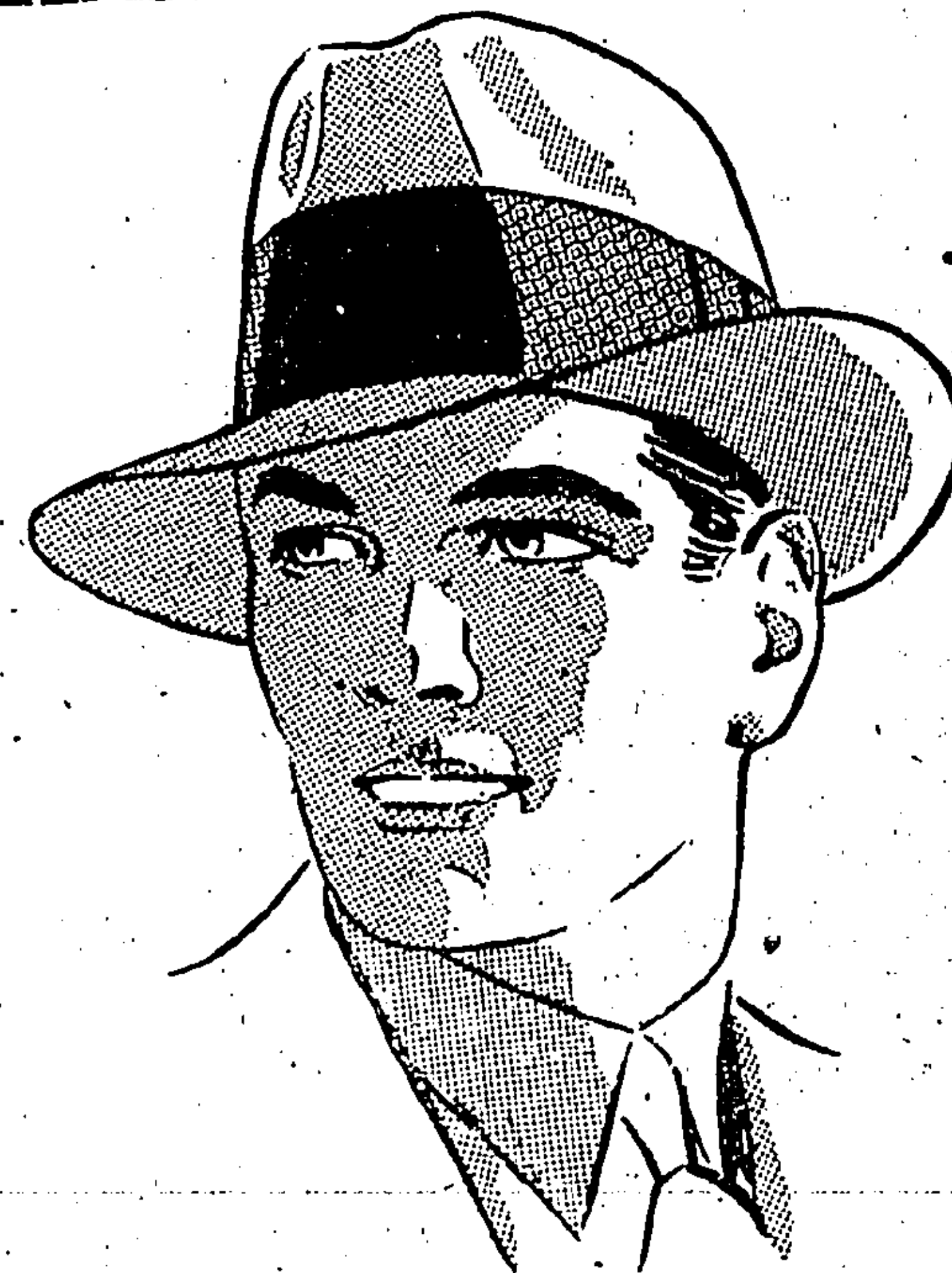
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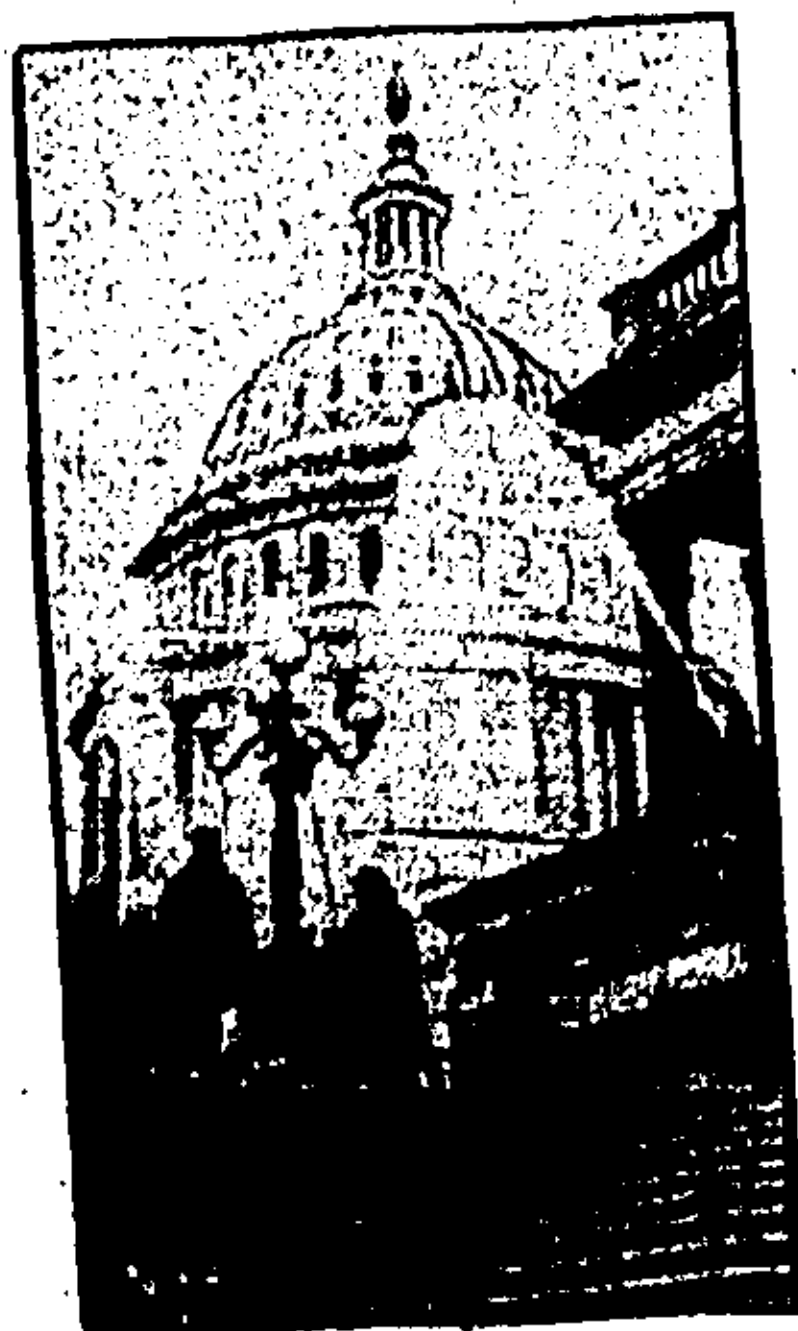
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For their discovery of functions of the nervous system, Prof. Edgar Douglas Adrian, above, of Cambridge, and Sir Charles Sherrington of Oxford have been awarded the Nobel prize for medicine and physics for 1932.



Contingents of soldier-farmers, wearing the imperial uniform, are shown above leaving Japan for Manchukuo, where they will establish homes. They are trained in defence against raids of bandits. Here is one contingent of colonists bidding farewell to their families at the Tokyo station.



When thousands of hunger marchers advanced on Hyde Park, they were joined by mobs from the slum districts of London who stoned and attacked a police guard near the Marble Arch. Bitter battles followed in which 77 were injured, including a score of police. This picture shows mounted and foot police in action.



M. Josef Avenol, above, appointed secretary general of the League of Nations to succeed Sir Eric Drummond. Avenol is an authority on international finance.



Russia's campaign to remove leaders who oppose Stalin has reached Nicholas Bukharin, above. He has been placed under guard and probably will be killed.

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 General Managers.
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Upon presentation at the Office of the Company of Bankers' Receipt for the payment of such Call, together with the Certificate of Shares a note of the payment will be endorsed on the Certificate. Dated this 17th day of August, 1932.

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The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10½d.

The Hongkong and China Gas Co. announced that the price of gas would be reduced to \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet.

The construction of a new Peak thoroughfare linking Chamberlain

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

Numerous Pictures To-morrow

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement will again contain a varied selection of topical pictures, amongst which will be snapshots taken at the last Race Meeting, together with a group of Jardine jockeys; the water polo team of the R.A.M.C.; and the Hongkong and Canton police soccer teams.

Several Defence Corps pictures will be given, including a group of the Mounted Infantry and snapshots taken in camp.

Lady Peel will be shown presenting awards at the Fire Brigade display, whilst groups taken at the opening of the New Territories agricultural show and at the dance given aboard H.M.S. Medway will also appear, as well as another of those University annual reunion dinner dance.

Road and Plantation Road was commenced.

Dr. F. O. Stedman was appointed Secretary of the Medical Board for a period of three years.

The Hon. Mr. Alabaster, in introducing an amendment in the law relating to jury service, told the Legislative Council that editors of newspapers and their staffs would be exempted. "That," he said, amidst laughter, "includes compositors and printers' devils."

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INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	December 9.
Europe via Nippon (Papers only) London, 10th November and	Patroclus	December 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	December 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Kaga Maru	December 10.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tatuta Maru	December 10.
Shanghai	Tai Yuan	December 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 18th November)	Dakar Maru	December 11.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Lincoln	December 12.
Calcutta and Straits	Chingto	December 13.
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, 17th November and	Talma	December 14.
Parcels, 10th November.	Ranchi	December 15.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong So	Fri., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
*Manila	Pres. Pierce	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Pres. Taft	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Parcels, (Due Victoria B.C. 27th Dec.)	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Registration 10th 9 a.m. Letters 10th 10 a.m.	Haruna Maru	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
*Straits and *Europe via Marseilles	Parcels, (Due Marseilles, 7th Jan. 1933).	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Registration 10th 9 a.m. Letters 10th 10 a.m.	G.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Parcels, 9th 4.30 p.m. Registration 10th 9 a.m. Letters 10th 10 a.m.	Parcels, (Due Marseilles, 11th January 1933).	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Letters for "Saigon—Marseilles Proteus Air Mail Service"	G.P.O.	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Reg., 10th 10 a.m. Letters, 10th 10 a.m.	Reg., 10th 10.30 a.m. Letters, 10th 11 a.m.	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Proteus	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
*Straits and *Calcutta	Sirihana	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Parcels, 10th 11.30 a.m.	Letters, 10th 12.30 p.m.	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Australia (except places North of Conto Rosso) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane (To connect with the s.s. Nieuw Zeeland at Singapore; leaving Singapore, 10th December).	Conto Rosso	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Conto Rosso	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Reg., 10th 10 a.m. Letters, 10th 10.30 a.m.	Reg., 10th 10.30 a.m. Letters, 10th 11 a.m.	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Mon., Dec. 12, 3 p.m.
Bangkok	Chungkong	Mon., Dec. 12, 3.30 p.m.
*Manila, Makassar and Sourabaya	Tjinegara	Tues., Dec. 13, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hai Ning	Tues., Dec. 13, 2 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	Tues., Dec. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Foehsing	Tues., Dec. 13, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco.	Tatuta Maru	Wed., Dec. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Reg., 10th 10 a.m. Letters, 10th 10.30 a.m.	Reg., 10th 10.30 a.m. Letters, 10th 11 a.m.	Wed., Dec. 14, 8.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco, 4th Jan. 1933).		Wed., Dec. 14, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Hinyang	Fri., Dec. 16, 1 p.m.

EXCHANGE RATES

	Dec. 7.	Dec. 8.
Paris	82½	82½/16
Geneva	16.70½	16.82
Berlin	13.16	13.16
Helsingfors	228	228
Oslo	19.45	19½
Athens	582½	587½
Atlan	15.32	63.3/16
Buenos Aires	Nom.	Nom.
Shanghai	1/10.3/10	1/10.3/10
New York	3.23½	3.23½
Amsterdam	8.57½	8.55
Vienna	27½	27½
Prague	100	100
Madrid	30.1/10	30.1/16
Bucharest	545	550
Hongkong	1/4½	1/4.1/16
Brussels	23.32½	23.33½
Stockholm	15.32	18.9/32
Copenhagen	10.7/82	10.7/82
Lisbon	100½	107½
Rio	5½	5½
Bombay	1/6.13/16	1/6
Yokohama	1/3.5/10	1/3.9/16
Montevideo	30	30
Montreal	3.75½	3.70
Belgrade	240	240
Warsaw	98	98½
Silver (spot)	17½	17½
Silver (forward)	17.13/16	17.11/16

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EVER since Ralph Lynn made his bow to Hongkong in *Rookery Nook*, he and his merry Aldwych cast have raised as many laughs on the screen as they have on the London stage, and while their popularity is at its zenith, two more British Dominion films have come. *Mischief*, now at the King's is to be followed on Sunday by the Central exhibition of *A Night Like This*. In both of which, Lynn and his sweet aid to mirth and romance, Winifred Shotter, gain further plaudits. *A Night Like This* has not yet been previewed, but an early glimpse of *Mischief* reveals it as a light frothy thing, as entertaining as any of the many the studio has



THE monocled Ralph Lynn, heads the casts of "Mischief" and "A Night Like This," due at the King's and Central.

turned out.

There was a time a while back when, as is the fate of most players, Lynn's fooleries and innuities were beginning to pall. His silly-as-monocled Englishman is perhaps the most over-worked humorist to be worked on the stage or screen, with the consequent contempt bred of familiarity, but, even although *Mischief* is nothing but the same tale of complications, hilarious situations and old business, it strikes a new and refreshing note. Maybe this is because a quantity of different material has flowed through our cinema house since Lynn's last, but I am more inclined to attribute it to the speedier direction that has made the film more like cinema than a photographed stage play.

Jack Raymond, who held the megaphone for *Life Goes On*, is coming out as England's best producer of this kind of stuff. Light comedy cannot be too swift in its tempo or the situations are spoiled, nor too slow or the tediousness is magnified, and Raymond has compromised to make entertainment and maintain interest. Not that there is one new piece of technique in the whole film: Hollywood was doing the same dissolving shots in the silent days; but for the merry plot that it carries, *Mischief* has all that is necessary.

Catch phrases were the life of early talking pictures, and although it is possibly not by design, the vaguely articulated exclamation of the vocal boy (it sounds like "Gerthva") promises to become even more popular than the "Oh Yeah" and "Cigarette me, Big boy" of the Hollywood. The rustles in the remotest Kentish village, with their bucolic circumlocution, make

a deft touch, and it is a pleasing sight to see English scenario writers bringing in these typical English high spots. Topical references and subtle points such as these spell success just as much as the local jests of the variety stage. *Mischief* in plot is just as absurd as any other of Lynn's many, and needs no more than his personality, Winifred Shotter's sweet smile and Kenneth Kove's super-super stupid Englishman, to carry it off. Dialogue has but few high spots, but the situations more than compensate.

London seems to have taken a leaf out of Hollywood's book in making Winifred Shotter a star prominent. She might be called the Garbo of Britain, not because of her resemblance to the Swedish star for she has none, but that she is the first woman to be really singled out from the rank of players. And as a screen queen she is having the homage due her: her dresses are being specially chosen and designed, her hair is dressed in that "strand by strand" perfection and her good looks are never marred by poor photography. The new Winifred Shotter makes her debut in *A Night Like This*, and a striking debut it is. In this one, Lynn is rejoined by his co-partner in crime, Tom Walls, who departs from precedent by playing a policeman. Actually he is reverting to type for he was a guardian of the law before he became an actor. It is due at the Central on Sunday.



LUCIEN Muratore, tenor of the Paris opera, is the star of "The Unknown Singer," a French film due for release soon. Jim Gerald (with the cigar) provides the comedy of an entertaining film.

FARRELL-GAYNOR

Popular Pair Starred
in Neat Tale of
Newly-Weds

THE high priests of saccharine sentiment, Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor are with us again, and ardent admirers will pay due homage to "The First Year," to be released at the King's on Sunday.

In "The First Year" there is everything that has gone to send the pair to the very height of popularity, hugs, kisses and honey-

words, out where the theme strays from their other films is that they are married at the beginning, not the end of the film. Charles as the thoughtless husband and Janet as the inexperienced wife enter into new realms of histrionics, and aided by neat dialogue and situations, make the film something other than the usual nursery stuff.

"LETTY" LYNTON

Robert Montgomery &
Joan Crawford in
Queen's Film

CLARENCE Brown, eminently successful director of Greta Garbo appears to have placed a restraining hand on Joan Crawford as Letty Lynton, star of the film of the same name due at the Queen's on Sunday. Her regular paroxysm of hysteria is much shorter and more convincing than usual.

Robert Montgomery does not have a very flamboyant part, but nevertheless lights up his scenes with exuberant radiance.

As usual this M.G.M. film is provided with splendid background and has moments of drama, quiet humour and excitement that more than compensate for the weakness of the hurriedly-contrived happy ending.

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FOR RELEASE SOON

FILMS in Spanish and German have come to add variety to Hongkong's cinematic fare recently, and another foreign production, equally as entertaining is due for release soon.

"The Unknown Singer," by name, it was produced by the Osso Studios, with French dialogue and features the opera tenor Muratore.

Even without its superimposed subtitles of the main points of the dialogue, "The Unknown Singer" can be followed with facility, but the addition of the English words makes it so that even those with no higher knowledge of French than the "plum"

TO-DAY'S SHOWS

King's: "Mischief."
Queen's: "Bachelor Apartment."
Central: "Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood."
Majestic: "Woman of Experience."
Oriental: "The Great Adventure."
Star: "The Lady Refuses."
Taiping: "Radio Patrol."

ON SUNDAY.

Queen's: "Letty Lynton."
Central: "A Night Like This."
King's: "The First Year."
Star: "Leatherstocking."
Taiping: "White Hill of Pitta Palu."

de la mere" brand, can appreciate its many quips, delivered by an entirely new kind of comedian, Jim Gerald.

Whether viewed from the lofty perch of the cinema student, looking for the new technique and camera angles for which foreign films are so famed, or from the lowly seat of the seeker after amusement, "The Unknown Singer" holds interest and entertainment. It has been produced to give Lucien Muratore, Paris opera tenor, a chance to raise his robust voice, but glorious as the music is, it is but one of the many pleasing features. There is romance, drama and comedy in adequate proportion, and the plot based on the always interesting theme of the man with the lost memory.

Muratore is a fisherman in an isolated Russian village, with a blank memory of what happened before he was washed up by the sea 10 years before. An enterprising commercial traveller discovers his marvellous tenor, and features him over the radio in Paris as "The Unknown Singer." Eventually he is discovered to be a celebrated tenor, pushed overboard from an Atlantic liner by his false friend, who later marries the singer's wife. A simple little tale this, but interspersed with delightful touches, meritorious camera shots and a couple of plaintive melodies.

COMPARISON WITH GERMAN. Overseas critics have agreed about the technique of French films, that cinema students in Hongkong should not miss this opportunity of comparing the work with Germany's output, "Four Infantrymen." "The Unknown Singer" is more interesting than the German film and comparison with "Elmer Que Casar al Principe" is ignored, for although in Spanish, that was purely Hollywood in make-up.

But whether "The Unknown Singer" can be taken as an example of real French film production is doubtful, for it was made by Toujansky, a Russian emigre, and his early training must certainly have influenced his work, although most of it has been done in French studios. His silent films were "One Thousand and One Nights," "Michael Strogoff," and "Volga" while he also made "Aldwych" and "Toujansky" obviously believes that after a good start, nothing much matters, for once he has sped the story on its way with a sequence of carefully set-up shots, artistic photography and imaginative technique, he practically lays down the megaphone and allows the obvious

conclusion to be reached without further ingenuity. But that is perhaps his art, for it never appears that he is trying to be clever.

Toujansky's work is admirable and includes the excellent employment of close-ups, superimpositions and symbols.

NEW COMEDY NOTE.

Many an opera star pitchedforked into a talking film has ended like Caravadosi facing the firing squad in B flat, but Muratore's playing is in keeping with the polished artistry of the small cast. Jim Gerald is a refreshing type of comedian whose personality speaks all languages, and he has the French gesture finished to

a fine degree of showmanship. For the benefit of Australians, it would be well to state he is not Australia's Jim with his baggy trousers, but equally as enjoyable.

On the feminine side, Simone Gerdan is the aristocrat with the fine clothes and pulchritude, and Simone Simon a pert little miss who aids Gerald in the comedy.

"The Unknown Singer" may have been produced with a lavish hand, but it does not reek of it like many Hollywood spectacles, and there is an underlying strain of realism in the impressive opening among the Russian fisherfolk, in striking contrast to Hollywood's artificial insertion of "atmosphere."

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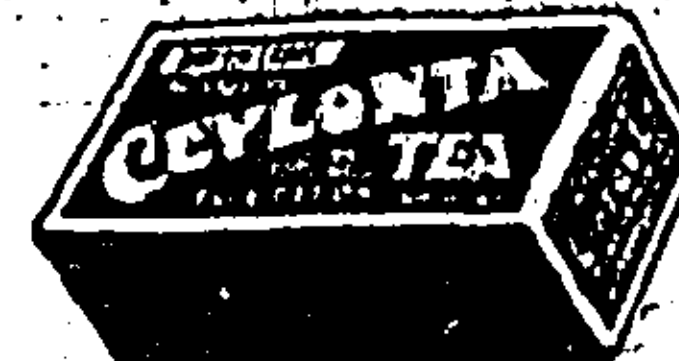
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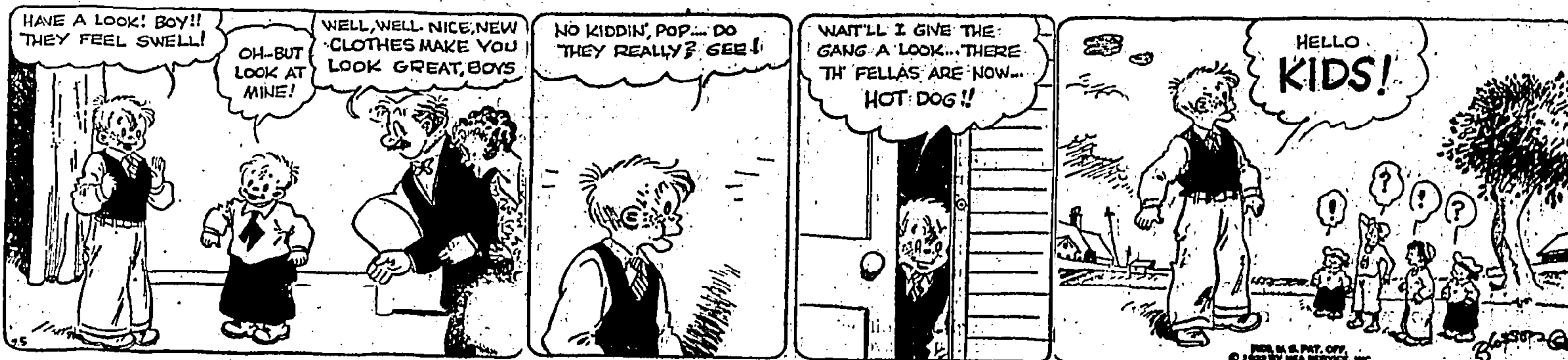
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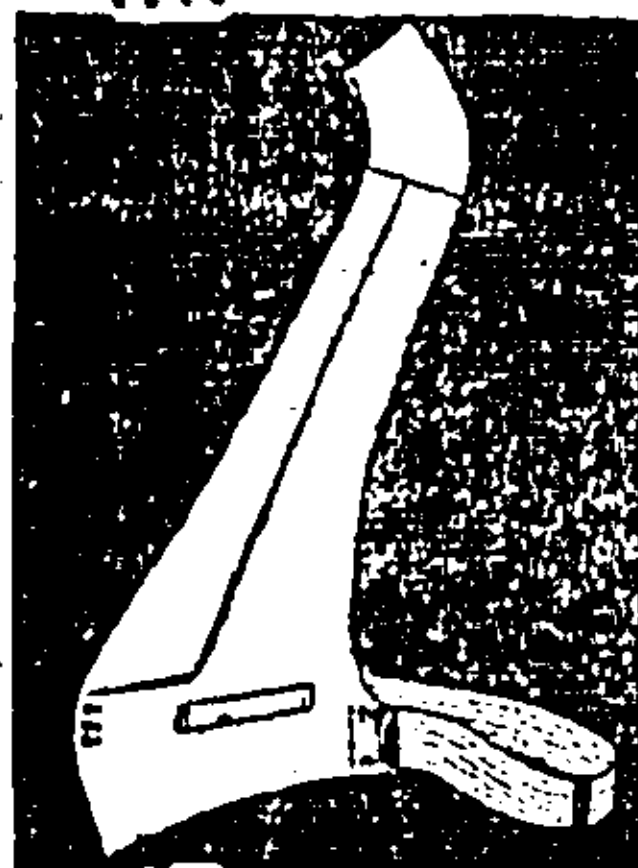
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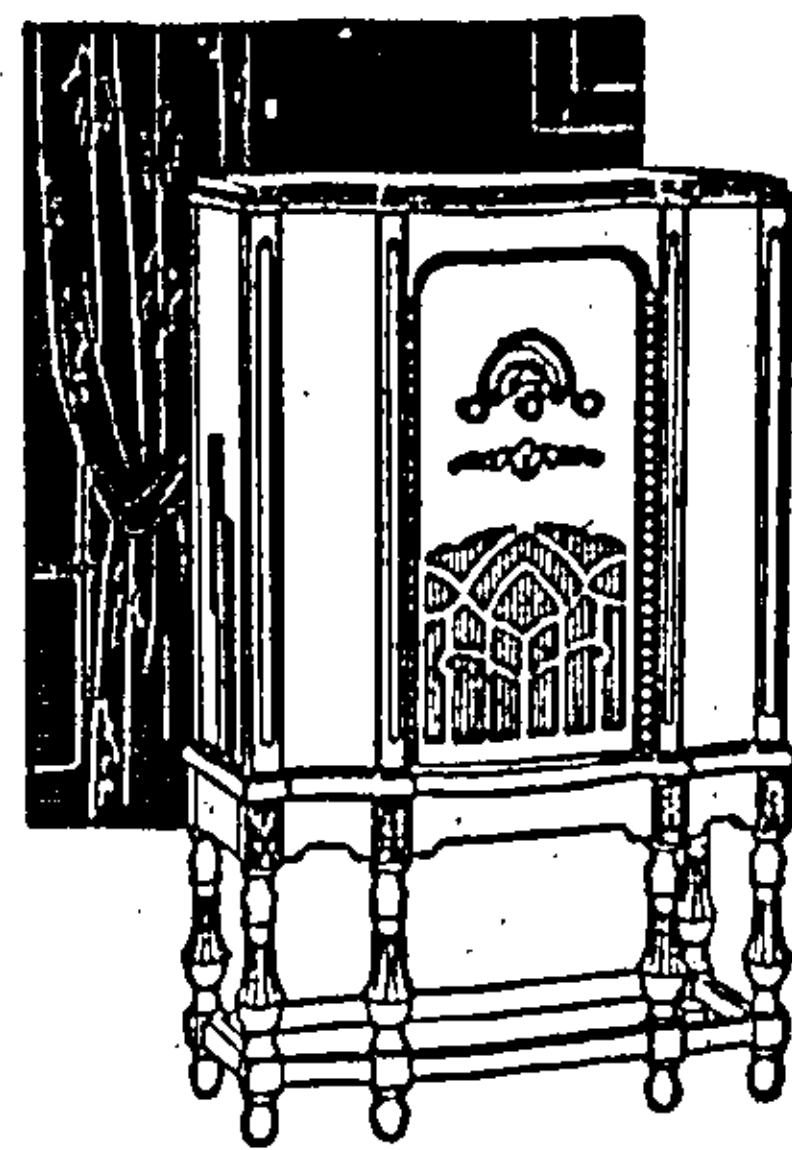
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THE LEAGUE AND
JAPAN

Whatever decision the League
Assembly may eventually reach
in regard to the Sino-Japanese
dispute, there is evidence that
Japan is not likely to get matters
all her own way. In Sir John
Simon's latest utterance, it is
possible to see a stronger British
attitude emerging—witness his
declaration that both sides must
make concessions. So far, Japan
has taken the stand that she has
done nothing wrong, and her
spokesmen have made it per-
fectly clear that she intends to
brook no outside interference.
Mr. Matsuoka, in his speeches
before the Assembly, has not
deviated from that attitude.
His latest threat is indica-
tive of Japan's frame of mind.
The point thus arises as to what
Japan will say to the indica-
tion that she will be expected to
make concessions. There is a
further development of the ut-
most importance in the forecast
that the Assembly may pass a
resolution refusing to recognise
Manchukuo. If that happens, it
will obviously be a tacit condem-
nation of Japan's action in ac-
cording recognition. It will,
indeed, be more than that. It
will imply that Manchukuo is
what China says it is—a Japan-
ese-created puppet State. Sir
John Simon's remark that Lea-
gue methods have not been em-
ployed in the dispute would also
appear to be directed against
Japan's actions, since from the
very beginning China has acted
in strict conformity with League
requirements. At the moment,
it is an open question whether
the Assembly will deem it wise
to declare that Japan's policy in
Manchuria has been an actual
infringement of the Covenant.
There may possibly be a disin-
clination to pass judgment, al-
though it is difficult to see how
this can be avoided, inasmuch
as China rests her case on that
allegation. The chief British
delegate says the Assembly must
defend the Covenant and see
that League methods are em-
ployed in the future. What is
the precise import of these
words? Do they mean that cer-
tain requirements will be postu-
lated and that the League will

insist on compliance therewith?
These are vital points which may
be answered in the next few
days. It may well be that the
stronger line now being taken
at Geneva is based on the hope
that Japan may be induced to
make some compromise and thus
render conciliatory measures
possible. As Dr. Benes, the
Czecho-Slovakian delegate, has
remarked, if friendly concilia-
tion fails, the League will have
to take decisions. "The Lea-
gue," he says, "must have the
courage to act without reserve
and without hesitation, but with
firmness, justice and dignity;
the Assembly cannot afford to
act with equivocation where
questions of principle are in-
volved." This utterance reflects
the viewpoint of the small States
at Geneva, and it should assured-
ly also reflect the feelings of all
nations which have any regard
for the future of the League.
Momentous decisions have to be
made. They will be rendered
all the harder if neither side
shows any disposition to com-
pose the situation by peaceful
methods. But it is abundantly
clear that if the League shows a
weak and timorous frame of
mind, the problem, so far from
being settled, will assume even
greater dimensions.

Portrait of a
Professor

Times change and so do pro-
fessors. Or—should it be said
—conceptions of professors do.
The fuss-budget species is on the
way to extinction along with the
dodo and the model T Ford, ac-
cording to one who should know.
The gentleman who makes this
declaration is himself a professor. He
says to-day's type is as different
from the 1890 variety as is the
"Rumba" from "Waltz Me
Around Again, Willie." Like-
wise, the long-haired musician,
the windsor-tie poet and many
another example of that delusion
called temperament are seen to-
day most often through the eyes
of memory. Nowadays some
men of commerce look more as
artists are expected to look than
do the artists themselves. No
doubt this is for the best. Man-
kind does not differ so erratically
as appearances would sometimes
indicate, and too many an anti-
pathy has been sown by efforts
to impress a mistaken sense of
individuality upon others. Pro-
fessors certainly put in a very
different appearance in 1932
from that they presented in the
"mauve decade." In some res-
pects the difference may be an
improvement. What is really
more important, however, is
whether or not their thinking
has changed—and whether for
better or worse.

Film Morals.

Has the motion picture indus-
try, like Frankenstein, produced
a machine it cannot control? In
recent times there has been a
noticeable trend on the part of
many industries to take the pub-
lic frankly into their confidence,
indicating a desire to understand
the needs and wishes of custom-
ers and consumers. Can as much
be said of those who bear re-
sponsibility for the film industry?
The answer would seem to be
"No." Hollywood turns an un-
hearing ear to the protestations
of the many who, recognising
the potentialities of the screen
for good, plead only for the
elimination of the offensive and
immoral. To the indictment of
offending against the canons of
good taste must be added the
equally grave charge of want of
patriotism. Lord Irwin, former
Viceroy of India, has stated in
no equivocal terms that the in-
fluence of meretricious movies
has been one of the potent causes
of the disappearance of the
white man's prestige in that
country. And recently, the re-
lease of a picture, this time, it
is true, made in England, the
director and star of which, how-
ever, are American, has become
the occasion of strong protest in
Britain because it depicts British
army officers in a discreditable
light. From the viewpoint of
the spectator, whether European
or Asiatic, it matters little which
side of the Atlantic the charac-
ters portrayed to his credulous
vision may inhabit. Every pic-
ture which emphasises, with
nonchalant irresponsibility, in-
fidelity, crime and dishonesty as
though these were predominant
part and parcel of the social or-
der is fraught with menace to
civilisation.

THE BEST AGE FOR
PARENTHOOD

By THE HON. MRS. FRANCIS LASCELLES

IT is a somewhat humiliating
thought that the vast majority
of people quite unwittingly obey
natural laws which control their
destinies, while all the time they
are plugging themselves on acting
with perfect free will.
Earnest reformers study prob-
lems of eugenics and advocate com-
plicated and impossible plans for
the improvement of the human race,
and all the time old Dame Nature
quietly chuckles to herself and gets
on with her job of producing bigger
and better human beings! It is not
until Mother Nature has pursued
her wily machinations for quite a
number of years that the scientists
begin to tumble to her ways and to
make momentous announcements to
the effect that this and that are the
best and wisest things to do in the
future.

And Dame Nature laughs like
anything, because Mr. Smith and
Miss Brown have been doing those
very things for years past without
noticing it.

Take, for example, the subject of
marriage. For years the scientists
have been telling us to marry young
and have children as early as pos-
sible so that they shall have the
advantage of an upbringing by
youthful parents. And year after
year the tendency has been towards
later marriages. Pretty flappers
have been deliberately falling in
love with the man in the late
thirties or early forties, in pre-
ference to the callow youth of
twenty-five. The modern girl has
been condemned as mercenary, and
has been accused of lacking the
courage to face the hardship and
poverty that her mother and
grandmother cheerfully en-
dured during their early married
life, but she has gone serenely on
her way in spite of all the dreadful
warnings hurled at her head.

And until it began to be noticed
that these "later" marriages were
turning out extremely well, and that
children as a class were getting
happier and healthier, and growing
bigger and cleverer than the chil-
dren of former generations, it did
not occur to the scientists that per-
haps the modern girl was a little
bit wiser than they.

Lengthened Lives.

Instead of exposing her tender
body to the hardships of maternity
and the drudgery of running a home
and caring for children before she
was out of her teens, she preferred
to wait till she was twenty-five or
so before choosing a man in sight
of forty as the husband who could
give her a measure of comfort and
consideration beyond the dreams of
youthful intolerance.

This change is not merely a
superficial matter of preferring
comfort to hardship. It is some-
thing that strikes deeper than that.
It is the instinctive answer of
Nature's hint that mankind is
changing and that our habits must
be amended accordingly. Life was
once a much shorter affair than it
is now. A young man was trained
to bear arms and suffer hardship
from earliest boyhood. By the
time he was eighteen he was a
mature warrior. By thirty he was
either killed in battle or was look-
ing forward to settling down and
enjoying and drinking himself to
death!

Even as recently as the days of
our grandparents a woman was a
matron when she was thirty and a
man of forty had resigned himself
to portly and slow-moving middle
age. Under such conditions youth-
ful marriages were almost impera-

tive, and thus it came about that if
a girl was not engaged by the time
she was twenty-three, she was look-
ed upon as an "old maid," while a
man of thirty who still evaded the
matrimonial net, was a confirmed
bachelor.

But recently we have changed all
that. We have discovered in
twenty years more about the art of
preserving youth than had previous-
ly been found out in two thousand
years. And in prolonging the
years of active life we have lost
the necessity for abnormally early
marriages. Now that the habit of
later marriage is definitely estab-
lished it is being realised that the
change is for the better in every
possible way.

Calm Parenthood.

Physiology tells us that the body
is not properly formed until the
age of twenty-four, and the brain
a few years later. To wed two un-
developed bodies and brains is ob-
viously asking for disaster. Tastes
and habits undergo drastic changes
during the latter part of the forma-
tive years, so it is better to wait
until these are completed than to
run the risk of being mated for life
to someone utterly out of harmony
with one's temperament.

Youth, though glorious, is
notoriously unstable, and with our
present knowledge of child psy-
chology we are beginning to realise
the tremendous strain thrown on
the sensitive minds of children
when exposed to continuous quarrel,
and outburst of temper from their
parent. The young father and
mother may be better "playmates"
for their off-spring, but it is the
mature parents who will provide
the calm, quiet, balanced atmos-
phere which is so essential to steady
growth and development, both
physical and mental.

Modern economic conditions tend
to discourage early marriages, not
because it is financially impossible,
but because an all-round higher
standard is demanded. The mother
of a former generation may have
been content to feed her children
mainly on bread. The mother of
to-day knows this will merely pro-
duce rickets, and prefers to wait till
she can afford to give them a better
diet. Actually wages are so much
higher to-day than they were, say,
thirty years ago, that people could,
if they were content with the old
standards and still considered it
praiseworthy to be able to claim
they had "buried five," marry even
younger than did their grand-
parents. Fortunately, however, in-
stead of bearing twelve children,
letting six die in infancy, and allow-
ing four of the survivors to grow up
weedy, degenerate, and undersized,
the modern mother would rather
bring two or three sturdy, healthy
children into the world and bring
them up to perfect maturity.

Finally, the world of to-day de-
mands quality, and not mere
quantity. Throughout the ages,
the strongest mentalities have al-
ways been children of mature
parents. Napoleon's parents were
in the thirties, Queen Victoria was
born when her father was fifty-two,
Kens's father was middle-aged, and
in our own time, the outstanding
literary genius of Bernard Shaw
was the product of a father in the
forties.

Foolish sentimentality has, in the
past, made us look upon the youth-
ful romance with a benignant smile.
Perhaps the time is not far distant
when marriage for a woman under
twenty-five or a man under thirty
will be looked upon as a social crime
of the first magnitude.

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thing as simple as all that.

Just for breaking in one day all
the rules and regulations which
all of us break sometimes.

Come along with us and we'll
show you.

We go down Des Voeux Road,
and meet Pete. You all know
Pete. So we stop and have a
 yarn.

Okay, that's \$250. Section 3
(20) says you mustn't loiter in any
public place. If it's at night
you're out of pocket another \$250,
because section 7 (4) says you
can't assemble together with other
persons in the night time.

After the Sarge has taken our
name and address we decide to go
along to the Botanical Gardens.
That's one place where they can't
arrest us for loitering. But we
sat on the lawn. Presto, \$250.
You mustn't break, injure or
destroy any fruit, vegetable, grass
soil or turf.

So we decide that Home's the
safest place, after all.

The front door is locked, and we
can't attract anyone's attention.
\$250 for disturbing the other in-
habitants of the flats by pulling
and ringing the doorbell.

As we went up the stairs we
decided to do the landlord a good
turn and save his electricity bill.
So we switched off the hall light.
That cost us another \$250.

We had a stiff whiskey soda,
and picked up the letter under the
door saying that our Pekinese had
been found wandering on the
street. \$250 because the dog
wasn't muzzled, and animal to be
destroyed.

We turned on the wireless. They
let us off with \$100 this time.
Mustn't make any noise calculated
to disturb or interfere with public
tranquillity after sunset.

So we committed suicide.
Our estate was taxed \$100 for
discharging a firearm within 200
yards of a dwelling house.

"PAYMENT DEFERRED."

It's a long time coming, but
we're here at last to deliver our
critique on the A.D.C.'s. "Payment
Deferred."

There was some slight friction
on the last occasion we appeared
in the role of dramatic critic.

"Don't you think" asked the
leading lady's Nearest Friend
"that Edward Kelly should be shot
at dawn?"

"Why wait till dawn?" replied
the leading lady.

As a matter of fact, we were
shot long before dawn.

But to get back to the A.D.C.

business. There was a little unpleasant-
ness at the box office when we pre-
sented an I.O.U. and what we want
to say here and now, is that
people who advertise "payment
deferred" should be prepared to
take the consequences. We have
over been a stout adherent of
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DRAMA IN TWO ACTS.

Act I.

Scene: Kowloon Railway Station.
Action: Anzac Co. H.K.V.D.C.
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A sudden commotion. We rush
over. Someone has fainted.

One of the Anzacs is leaning
pensively against a lamp standard,
a cigarette dangling from his lips.
"What's happened?" we demand
agitatedly.

"Aw," said the warrior, "he's our
flaming C.O. One of the chaps
saluted him!"

Act II.

Scene: Court-martial.

Action: Closing stages of pro-
ceedings.

Arraigned private: I could not
say what came over me. I will see
that it does not occur again.

President: In view of accused's
assurance and previous good
character, the sentence of the
Court is that accused be severely
reprimanded.

ANOTHER ROAD TRAGEDY.

Old Pete has lost his nerve.
You've all seen him at the wheel
of his battered old car—a six year
old model—pottering around the
streets of Kowloon. Now he drives
it with as much care as if it were
a new \$10,000 Rolls Royce. Gone
are the care-free days in which he
used to drive hell-for-leather up
Nathan Road; gone is the pleasure,
the freedom from worry, and the
old cheerful recklessness.

Some new responsibility sits
heavily upon him, making his life
miserable.

As a matter of fact, Pete has
just made the last payment, and
now owns the car.



"How was your crop this year, Abner?"
"Right, good, considering we ain't on the main road."

ULTIMATUM TO PERSIA. AMERICA'S WAR DEBT REPLY

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Government would not tolerate any damage to the Company's interest or any interference with their premises or business interests in Persia.

REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY.
The Persian Government's reply, dated December 3rd, maintained that the Persian Government was within its rights in the cancellation of the concession and it failed to agree to withdraw the notification of cancellation. The Persian Government had not refused direct discussions with the Company, with a view to negotiating a new concession and the Note declared that the Persian Government did not regard itself as responsible for any damage accruing to the Company.

As the British Government regarded this reply as wholly unsatisfactory, the British Minister at Tehran, under instructions, today delivered a further Note, the text of which was also read to the House.

This Note stated that the British Government was unable to admit validity of unilateral cancellation of the concession.

Such cancellation was a contravention of international law committed against a British Company, and the British Government felt obliged to take matters up in exercise of their rights to protect the interests of their nationals. From the outset, the British Government had been anxious that an amicable settlement should be reached between the Persian Government and the Company, but it could not regard the Persian reply as offering any satisfactory basis for such a settlement.

A WEEK'S NOTICE.
The Note proceeds: "Should the Persian Government be unwilling to withdraw their notification of cancellation of the concession within one week from the date of the present Note, that is Thursday 15th December, His Majesty's Government will have no alternative but to refer the dispute which has arisen between them and the Persian Government, in regard to the legality of the Persian Government's action, to the Permanent Court of International Justice as a matter of urgency under the Optional Clause. In so doing, His Majesty's Government would request the Court to indicate under Article 41 of the Statute, the provisional measures which ought to be taken to preserve their rights."

NOTE CONCLUDES: "His Majesty's Government will hold the Persian Government directly responsible for any damage to the Company's interests, any interference with their premises or business activities in Persia, or any failure to afford the Company adequate protection, and in the event of any such damage occurring His Majesty's Government will regard themselves as entitled to take all such measures as the situation may demand for the Company's protection."—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

STOCK MARKET REPORTS

DULL CONDITIONS IN LONDON

London, Dec. 8. According to Messrs. Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, the markets on the London Stock Exchange have ruled very dull. Gold-mining shares, especially, are weaker. On the New York Stock Exchange, slight rises are reported in the Dow Jones averages. Messrs. E.A. Pierce and Co. report: "The market undertone has substantially improved since the end of last week, but there has been no appreciable increase in outside buying. The lack of liquidation continues to be the important feature. We would expect stock prices to be higher later in the month. Business done: 700,000 shares.—*Reuter.*"

BIG WHEAT SALE TO CHINA

AMERICAN GROWERS AND A LOAN

Washington, Dec. 8. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has agreed to the terms upon which they will entertain the application of the North Pacific Grain Growers' Association for a loan to finance the sale of six million bushels of wheat to China. It is stated that no formal application has been received for such a loan, but the conditions have been sent to the Association officials for their consideration. This huge purchase of wheat by Nanking has been the subject of very strong criticism from Canton.

THE VOLUNTEERS. CORPS ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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gold reserves of other countries to the United States did not, the Note says, seem borne out by actual experience.

The main fault in the distribution of gold supplies seemed to have occurred as between the different countries of Europe and could not be attributed to forces originating in the United States. Regarding the statement that the initiative in devising the Lausanne settlement of reparations was taken with the cognisance and approval of the United States Government, it says the facts were more accurately set out by the Chancellor of Exchequer's statement in July: "The proceedings there were throughout on the basis that the right course was to seek a European solution without involving the United States in discussion."

DECEMBER PAYMENT.

After reviewing the circumstances under which the British debt was funded, the reply concludes: "As to the payment due on December 15th, I appreciate the cogency of difficulties which you present as to the transfer of these monies in the present state of foreign exchanges."

"In an endeavour to meet this situation, it has already been suggested that the President might be willing to recommend to Congress the acceptance of deposits in sterling in England, to be guaranteed as to dollars value, and transferred at such time as would not interfere with the stability of exchange."

"This, I understand, your Government has declined in the belief that the existence of a large sum of sterling awaiting transfer would affect the exchange market almost as seriously as the actual purchase of exchange."

NO METHOD ACCEPTABLE.

"Accordingly further informal suggestions have been made to your Government of methods of meeting these difficulties which it has not been able to find acceptable."

Recognising these difficulties of effecting the transfer, I am confident Congress will be willing to consider any reasonable suggestion which will facilitate the payment due on December 15th."

ANGLO-FRENCH CO-OPERATION.

After the conversation on the debt situation in Paris to-day between Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriot, and Germain Martin, a statement issued by the French Government said the Ministers explained the state of public feeling in their respective countries, and had a full exchange of views on the debt question. "They considered the position concerning the Lausanne agreements and examined the difficulties arising out of the payments due December 15th."

"While reserving their independence of action in dealing with this matter, they declared a common determination to obtain by international cooperation all means calculated to promote the economic restoration of the world."

Later Mr. MacDonald returned to Geneva and Mr. Chamberlain to London.—*British Wireless and Reuter.*

Letters of administration to the estate of Chung Hing-nga, alias Chung Fook, late of Lung Fuk Village, who died intestate on September 4th, 1932, leaving local estate valued at \$15,100, have been granted to his widow, Chung Cheung-shi.

Amongst passengers arriving by the Empress of Japan to-day were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bousfield and Mr. A. Cameron.

DAY BY DAY: NEWS IN BRIEF

TAKE HEED OF JESTING: MANY HAVE BEEN RUINED BY IT. IT IS HARD TO JEST, AND NOT SOMETIMES DEEPER THAN WAS INTENDED, OR EXPECTED.—*Fuller.*

During Wednesday, one case of diphtheria and one of typhoid were reported to the local health authorities.

In connexion with the estate of Chan Wai-kun, a trader, late of Hung Hom who died intestate on July 19th, 1906, letters of administration, *ad hoc* non have been granted to his adopted son, Chan Lok-wan. On April 28th, 1910, letters of administration were granted to his widow, Chan Man-shi, who died on December 18th, 1910, leaving the estate of Chan Wai-kun undivided. Probate to the will of Chan Man-shi was granted to Chan Ling-cheung, her eldest daughter, and Chan Koi-shun, her eldest sister-in-law, on March 28th, 1917. The local estate for which letters of administration have been granted to the adopted son is valued at \$9,000.

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird D. S. O., O. B. E., state:

Parades.
(a) Corps Signals.—Parade at Corp Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th. December.
(b) Battery.—Camp: With the exception of those men detailed to Kowloon Camp by train from Kowloon Railway Station at 6.08 p.m. Seven men specially detailed will take rifles and slings. Dress: Toppies, Blue Caps, Jackboots, Slacks, Dolers, Khaki Shirts, Shorts, Socks (to be worn after sunset). Boots. Puttees, Gaiters. Haversacks. Waterbottles. All extra kit must be delivered at Headquarters by 11 a.m. on Friday morning otherwise it must be carried personally.

(c) Armoured Car Section.—Those proceeding to Camp by the Cars on Friday evening will parade at the Car Park opposite the Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon at 6 p.m.

(d) Machine Gun Company.—There will be no further parades until after the Christmas Holidays. The next parade will be on Friday, 6th. January, of which particulars will be delivered in camp. All members of the Company are reminded that the week-end, 9th. to 11th. December is the last week-end for attending Camp and in view of the Field Day on the 11th. December it is hoped that the Company will turn up in full strength.

(e) A.A.L.A. Company.—As from date, and until further orders, Section Drills will be discontinued and Members of the Company who have not yet completed the necessary number of drills for proficiency will parade for combined instruction at Volunteer Headquarters every Monday at 5.30 p.m.

(f) Portuguese Company.—There will be no parade on Tuesday, 13th. instant.

The Officers Commanding the undementioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Command.

Engineer Company, Machine Gun Troop, Motor Machine Gun Section, Scottish Company, Ammunition Company, Lecture Room.

The Lecture Room will be allotted to Machine Gun Company on Friday, 16th. instant.

Reversion
No. 1321 Cpl. T. S. D. Whitley, No. 1 Platoon, reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from 8. 12. 32.

Promotion & Appointments
No. 705 C. S. M. Rogers, B. S. Motor Machine Gun Section, appointed Acting Regimental Sergeant Major from 25. 11. 32. to 27. 11. 32. and from 2. 12. 32. to 4. 12. 32.

No. 1548 Cpl. L. B. Holmes, No. 4 Platoon, appointed Acting Lance Sergeant with effect from 25. 11. 32. No. 1092 L/Cpl. T. Seddon, No. 1 Platoon, appointed Acting Corporal with effect from 9. 12. 32.

Struck Off The Strength
Having left the Colony.—No. 1493 Cpl. E. B. Gammell, No. 1 Platoon, as from 8. 12. 32. No. 1411 Pte. A. E. Coppin, No. 1 Platoon, as from 8. 12. 32. No. 1672 Pte. E. M. Oakeshott, No. 2 Platoon, as from 1. 10. 32. No. 1770 Pte. W. D. Folly, No. 4 Platoon, as from 9. 11. 32. No. 1494 Pte. I. D. Lenox, No. 4 Platoon, as from 8. 12. 32.

Permitted to resign.—No. 1519 Pte. A. T. Bralley, No. 1 Platoon, as from 8. 12. 32.

Leave
No. 807 L/Cpl. J. G. Hooper, Engineer Company, returned from leave on 3. 12. 32.

No. 1524 Acting L/Sergt. J. M. Purvis, Engineer Company, returned from leave on 26. 11. 32.

W. H. G. GOATER, Captain

Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps.

NOTICE
Xmas Cards.—Corps Xmas Cards are now ready. Price 75 cents each. Standard Type of Blanco.—The standard type of blanco is on sale in the Canteen.

Mr. A. Stokink, manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, was fined a total of \$25 by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Court to-day on two summonses charging him with parking his private car on prohibited ground near the Jockey Club stands and disregarding the direction of a Traffic Sergeant who pointed out the error during the Race Meeting on November 5.

Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the former U.S. President, is leaving Seattle to-morrow (Saturday) to visit her son, the Governor-General of the Philippines. It will be her first Christmas away from her Oyster Bay home since the death of her husband 14 years ago.

Mr. Leslie Buckle and Miss Edith Newman repeated their successful demonstration of ballroom dancing at the King's Restaurant ten days yesterday, a crowded room following their clever movements with keen appreciation. Mr. G. F. D'Aquino, who acted as master of ceremonies, also contributed further popular songs, and made the announcement that in response to instant demand, Mr. Buckle and Miss Newman would give further exhibitions at tea and dinner dances to-day and to-morrow.

TWO ATTEMPTS AT SUICIDE

JAPANESE WOMAN RESCUED

A young Japanese married woman, depressed over some family trouble, attempted to commit suicide yesterday when she jumped into the harbour off the Sanitary Depot rubbish dump in Gloucester Road.

Willing hands soon effected a rescue and she was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where she gave her name as Takeko Kim, aged 20 and said she had been living with her husband at 4 Johnston Road, Vanchai.

Shortly before midnight, a young married woman of 24, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, made a similar attempt to end her life by jumping into the harbour off the Kai Tak Bund. She was rescued and taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

FOUR FISHERMEN RESCUED

BROUGHT HERE BY CITY STEAMER

Little the worse for their trying ordeal, four men who were shipwrecked near the Lin Ting Islands were brought into Hongkong late last night after having been rescued by a passing steamer.

The men, Ng Yau, Young Wo, Lam Sui and Chan Kwan, comprised the crew of a fishing junk which was sailing off the island in Lat. 22. 04 N. and Long. 114. 02 East yesterday when their craft was by the heavy seas.

On being brought into port they were taken by Capt. Naylor, master of the City of Rangoon, to the Water Police Station.

SUGAR MARKET

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-treath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1933 6/6 3/4 down 1/4d.
May 1933 5/8 1/2 down 1/4d.
August 1933 6/8 1/2 down 1/4d.
December 1933 6/2 1/2 down 1/4d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking 1/4d-1/2d more.

New York Terminals.
March 1933 7/9 up 1 pt.
May 1933 8/4 up 1 pt.
July 1933 8/0 up 2 pts.
September 1933 8/4 up 1 pt.
Cuban 96—Spot N.Y. 89 up 7 pts.

London (8/12/32).—Can probably buy Tams Granulated, December/January shipment, at 7/6 3/4 per cwt. C. and F. India.

LADY PEEL AT THE SPORTS CLUB.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF LADIES' SECTION

A distinguished gathering filled the rooms of the Sports Club yesterday afternoon, when the Ladies' Section of the Club was officially opened by Lady Peel. The President of the Club (Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau) presented Lady Peel with a beautiful jade necklace and floral bouquet to mark the occasion.

"On behalf of the committee and members of the club," said the chairman, "I extend to Lady Peel a most hearty welcome. We welcome her to-day, not only as the official functionary, but also as the first honorary lady member." (Applause.)

Proceeding, the chairman said they were more than pleased to see Mrs. W. T. Southern among the guests. She was also an honorary member of the Club.

Only the other day, said Mr. Chau, he had been interested to read in the papers an article by Mrs. Southern on the proposed formation of a Blue Triangle Women's International Club. There was ample room for the two clubs and he advised all members of the ladies' section to join Mrs. Southern's club and be of service to those in need of their assistance. (Applause.)

"One of the main objects of this club," concluded Mr. Chau, "is to promote a better understanding and goodwill among all sections of the community. I hope and believe the ladies' section will be a means to this end."

Mr. Chau then presented Lady Peel with a jade necklace.

Declared Open.
In a most pleasant and informal manner, Lady Peel declared the ladies' section officially open.

Among those present were, Sir Henry and Lady Pollock, Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, Mrs. and Miss Shenton, the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, the Hon. Mr. J. J.

RADIO BROADCAST

PROGRAMME OF RECORDED MUSIC

From Z.B.W. on wave-length of 355 metres (845 1/2).
Owing to alterations in the electrical gear of the Transmitter at Hongkong, the Luncheon programme will be suspended, and broadcasting will be resumed in the evening.

5-7 p.m. Chinese recorded programme.

7-10.30 p.m. European programme.

7 p.m. Stock Quotations etc.

A programme of Columbia records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

Selection—Rose Marie.
Herman Fink and His Orch. DX309.

Humorous Song—Mandelay.
Billy Bennett DX23.

Fox Trot—Never Hitch Your Wagon to a Star.

Fox Trot—Good Evening.
The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra CB401.

Band—War Marching Song.
Deboy Somers Band DX112.

Piano Solo—The Birth of the Blues.
Piano Solo—My Heart Stood Still.

Ethel Baker 9217.

Waltz—Hazel Eyes.
Waltz—Same Old Moon.

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra CB400.
Song—The New Moon—Lover, Come Back to Me.

Song—The New Moon—One Kiss.
Evelyn Laye and Chorus 9751.

Fox Trot—Say That You're Tending Me.

Fox Trot—It's Always Goodbye.
The Masqueraders CB489.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.3-9 p.m.
A relay of "The Melodians Trio" from Lane Crawford's Restaurant, by courtesy of the Management.

(During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

9-10.13 p.m. A Classical Programme.
Pianoforte Solo—Moonlight Sonata (Beethoven, Op. 27, No. 2).

(This Suite is from Z.B.W.'s Library).
Quartet in C Major (Beethoven, Op. 50, No. 3).

Lerner Strine Quartet.

Part 1—(a) Introduction—Andante con moto (b) Allegro vivace.

Part 2—Allegro vivace (Concluded).

Part 3—Andante con moto quasi allegretto.

Part 4—Andante con moto quasi allegretto.

Part 5—(a) Andante con moto (Concluded) (b) Menuetto.

Part 6—Menuetto (Concluded).

Part 7—Allegro molto.

Part 8—Allegro molto (Concluded). Cantata No. 4 ("Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison") (Francisco Pujol—J. S. Bach).

Orfeo Cantata of Barcelona, conducted by Maestro Luis Millet. Sung in Catalan with Orchestra.

(These records are kindly loaned by a Listener).

10.13-10.30 p.m.
Vocal Gems kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

"The Maid of the Mountains" (Graham, Harris, Valentine, Fraser-Simson and Tait).

Columbia Light Opera Co. DX81.

"Bow Bells" (Carter, Sievier, Sullivan and Hamilton).

"Hold my Hand" (Carter and Gav).

Columbia Light Opera Co. DX332.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

NEW HOUSING BILL.

TO ENCOURAGE BUILDING OF SMALLER TYPE

London, Dec. 8.

The principal object of the Government's new Housing Bill issued to-day, is to encourage building of smaller types of houses by private enterprise. In order to do this it is proposed to abolish the existing subsidy and to help building societies to finance the building of houses for letting.

The Government has decided to continue the subsidy for slum clearance and also to encourage conditioning of cottages for rural workers.—*British Wireless.*

PRINCE OF WALES

London, Dec. 8.

The Prince of Wales in continuance of his desire to make close contact with the means that are being taken to assist the unemployed in the depressed areas, spent yesterday in the Rhondda Valley of South Wales, where he was received with great enthusiasm.—*British Wireless.*

Paterson, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall and Mrs. Kotewall, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr. J. Koswick, Mr. H. Seth, Mr. D. J. Lewis, Mr. R. H. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mr. Lo Chung-shui, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Leung, Mr. and Mrs. E. Abraham, Mrs. R. Pestonji, Mrs. Ho Fook, Mr. T. A. Mitchell, Capt. and Mrs. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Wing, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Lu, and the Misses Ho Lu, Dr. E. W. Kirk, Dr. Li Shu-fan, Mr. H. Hong Sling, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Kwong, Mr. and Mrs. Ho Ki.

After the official opening tea was served, and excellent music was provided for dancing.

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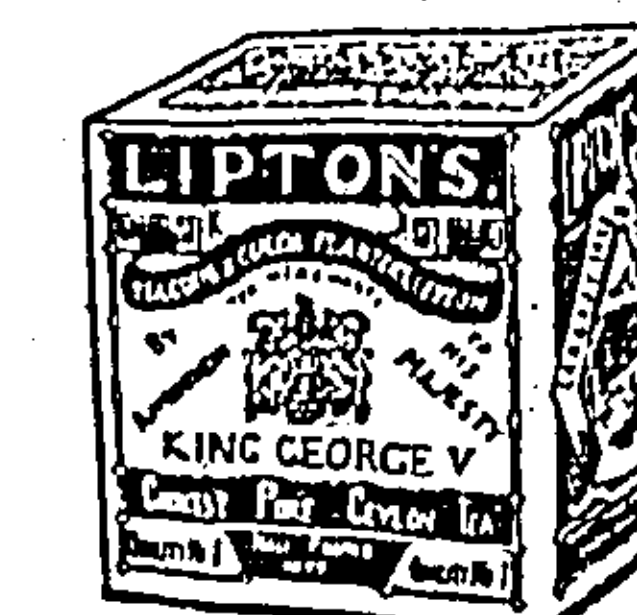
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The members of the R.E. Sergeants' Mess are holding a dance in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Saturday next, December 10, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Music is being supplied by the New Florida dance orchestra.

Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, who recently retired from the Hongkong Government service, returned to the Colony to-day on the Empress of Japan, accompanied by his wife. He is joining Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs from January 1st.

Cadbury's
DELICIOUS AND
EVER SO SCRUNCHY





The above picture shows the team which represented the Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club last season when they retained the Caer Clark Cup for the third year in succession. Back row, left to right: Mr. Omerod, (trainer) M. Bird, B. Pope, E. O'Hagan, E. Gray, J. Smalley, M. Knill, E. Blackburn and E. Bohner. Front row: P. M. Harrop, E. Ross, and C. Ferguson. In the foreground is the Caer Clark Cup.

HOCKEY

NOTES

CAER CLARK CUP

HOLDERS HAVE STIFF TASK

KEEN OPPOSITION

[By "Bully-Off"]

NEXT week the Caer Clark Cup competition opens and I am afraid, that unless they take immediate steps to improve their play the Hongkong Ladies will be left behind. They have won the trophy three years in succession and are the present holders, but their current form, compared with that of previous years, has deteriorated. The forwards seem to have lost that effective combination that was their great asset last season, and so far this year have shown a lack of ball-control in front of goal. The halves could also improve their play by spreading a little more instead of bunching together in the middle of the field.

St. Andrew's Ladies are a team to be watched. They have already beaten the champions twice this season and it would not be a surprise to see them register another win when the teams meet on December 17th. They have improved tremendously since they competed last year, no doubt on account of the practice they have had with several of the Army units. They are making a strong bid for the trophy and I wish them luck.

THE other teams entered are the Y.M.C.A., the Club de Recreo and the C.B.A., but none of these are likely to cause the other teams much concern.

IF they are to complete their fixtures within the specified time the Destroyer Flotilla will have to brighten up their ideas and settle down to practically two games per week. They have only played one game to date on account of the uncertainty of their movements. If they do not think they can complete their obligation I would suggest they fall out immediately.

IT is pleasing to note the smoothness with which the Mamak competition is progressing. There has naturally been a number of minor hitches in the arrangements but despite these the fixtures are continuing as per programme. Since the tournament started in October, 91 games have been played out of a total of 253, a fact which throws great credit on the management of the event and the secretary, Mr. E. V. Marshall, in particular, for it is he who has kept the teams up to scratch.

THE Royal Signals should gain an easy victory over the Royal Engineers on the Marina Ground on Saturday, and in the game between the German Club and the University the latter should win by at least two clear goals. If de Souza strikes his usual form they will win by even a larger margin. The German Club are a vastly improved side individually, but they have yet to learn the art of effective combination.

THERE should be very little doubt about the result of the St. Andrew's-12th Battery game on Sunday, for it is to be fought out on the Marina ground and the 12th Battery are a better team on a grass pitch. The Club should win two points here.

I WAS pleased to note in the game between the Hongkong Club and the Lincolnshire Regiment that W. E. Williams, the International right-inner of the Club, had lost a great deal of his usual selfishness. This weakness of his in the past has been responsible for many opportunities being lost at crucial moments when a pass might have led to a goal.

SCOTLAND'S FORLORN CHANCES

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP PROSPECTS

ATTRACTIONS IN THE LEAGUE

[By "Veritas"]

WITH the Interport all over, and the league well under way, interest is being turned to the knock out cup competitions, and Sunday will see the first match in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup tournament, when Portugal, the holders meet Scotland on the Kowloon Football Club enclosure.

Scotland appear to be lamentably short of talent this year, and with the Portuguese in the position to call on no less than nine St. Joseph's players, everything points to a runaway entry for Portugal into the next stage of the competition.

On the other hand Scotland have been forced to go to second and third division players to make up a team, and several are playing out of their ordinary positions.

POSITIONAL CHANGES.

Thus we find Sands of the R.A.O.C., who is a forward operating at centre-half, McKelvie of Kowloon, at centre-forward, instead of in the pivotal or rearguard position. Andy Duncan, the Interport left half at inside left and Green-shield, the Artillery second string pivot on the left wing.

These radical changes in position are bound to have an effect on the players, and so far as I can see they have very little prospects of winning.

This impression is heightened when one looks at the Portuguese side, where we find the whole of the St. Joseph's half back line, and four of their five regular forwards, including the Gosano brothers.

POWERFUL PORTUGAL.

Portugal is putting into the field this year one of the most powerful combinations for some considerable time and they are certain to start favourites in their quest for the retention of the Charity Cup. Defence seems to be the strongest point about Scotland, whereas Portugal can boast of a finely balanced team, with the forwards probably the strongest section.

Four first division league matches are due for decision over the week-end, the high spot among them being Sunday's meeting of the Lincoln and South China.

The Lincoln have been displaying variable form during recent weeks, and even last Saturday against the Navy accomplished little over which one could enthuse. Nevertheless, they are a team likely to be seen at their best against the talented Chinese combination, and although I do not expect them to win, there is, perhaps, a distinct chance of them sharing the spoils.

CHINESE SHOULD WIN.

South China will have their Interports back in the side and are apparently turning out at full strength, in which case two points are indicated. As the match is being played at Sookunpo, the soldiers may be able to claim a slight advantage. There is not the "wide open spaces" atmosphere with the Sookunpo enclosure which one obtains on the vast Queen's Park ground and this may have its effect on the Chinese.

On the other hand they are the sons of team which are

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Close of the Racing Season

Last Meeting of a Year of Several Outstanding Achievements

THERE is sure to be a touch of sadness in the Happy valley race meeting to-morrow, for it brings with it the close of the season—a season of many brilliant achievements, and first rate sport.

But the 1932 season of racing is going out with a flourish and to-morrow's meeting promises to be equally as attractive and successful, if not more so, as any of its predecessors.

The year has seen some particularly good racing. Almost every record has been broken, and it is comforting to reflect that the depression has not caused any extra worry among the backers, who have turned out in good numbers at every meeting.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS THE BIG EVENT TO-MORROW

NOTES AND FORM

The splendid condition of the course must, of necessity, be attributed to the attention given by the Clerk of the Course, Mr. T. E. Pearce, and Mr. Sutton, who acted in that capacity during Mr. Pearce's home leave.

For this meeting the rails will be restored to their proper position and the ponies will be racing in the new strip of course which has been opened since the last general meeting.

KING'S BOUNTY.

The conditions for the ponies starting in the first event—the December Handicap—are they must have started at least four times in extra meetings since the annual meeting, or have not won a race over a mile distance since March 1932.

Quite the best of the good entry for this race is King's Bounty, Gay Crusader, Blue Star and Gold Key. King's Bounty will be making its initial run since the first half of the season, and although this pony is carrying top weight, it should also be able to carry off the event.

Its biggest danger, of course, is Gay Crusader, which has done some fine racing lately, and has been well up in the fields on almost every occasion it has started.

Meridian Star at 156 pounds will have some support, but judging from its condition I think it will be at least three to four months before it is in racing form. Blue Star, which ran a disappointing race at the last meeting, will be out with a very small impost of 149 pounds, and if this pony is, to do anything this season, then it is likely to do it in this race. Deveron and Alexander Hall, both at 140 pounds, have a chance to figure as place winners.

EVENING STAR.

The Barrier Reef Handicap, is an event for Australian ponies, and it is noticeable that the top weighters have been given some pretty severe handicaps. Evening Star, although at 170 pounds, should be good enough to win, especially if it is in as good a condition as it was at the last meeting. But After That is to be ridden by Mr. Leo Frost, and as the pony has already two wins to its credit, there is no valid reason why it should not increase it to three in this race.

Canny is a very good outside bet here, and it has been running extremely well of late. The Raindrop, Kilrea and Mermaid are the pick of the lower weight entrants.

LATEST ABOUT THE BIG RACES

Although this morning's gallops at Happy Valley gave not the slightest assistance in judging prospects for the three big events to-morrow—the Hongkong Autumn Champions, the Sub-Griffins Champions and the Queensland Autumn Champions—speculation is rife and it is generally felt that a tremendous struggle will ensue between Zadko, Glencairn and Bag and Baggie in the Hongkong Champions event.

Racing Boy and Bistre are expected to provide a keen race for first place in the sub-griffins champions, and the Queensland Autumn Champions event will go either to The Giraffe or Polar Star.

There is always one race which the handicappers make it extremely difficult for the prophet, and the Dilatory Plate is the one to-morrow. Cy-Pres, Wembley Stag and Golden Arrow figure among the leaders but they are very heavily weighted, and as their handicaps are about equal, and their form likewise, I think either of these three will provide the winner. Lower down we have The Plover, Bluevow, Wakefield and Orlando, each of them good enough to occupy a place. I leave this race to your own judgment.

THE big thing of the day is the fourth race—the Hongkong Autumn Champions, which will see some very fine ponies take the field. It is quite probable that two or even three nominees from the Dunbar Stable will be seen in action. Mr. Dunbar will very likely send his speed merchant which recently broke a record, to the post, and Mrs. Dunbar can be expected to start Sitting Bull.

Fortune Bay may start, but I am inclined to think that this pony will be reserved for another event. Sadko has been spoken of as something on which to bet, and there is no gainsaying the fact that it did an extraordinarily fine gallop the other morning. Also it is fighting fit and I think a useful piece of flesh, inviting no little confidence.

Bag and Baggie are reported extremely fit, and by reason of its recent brilliant performances, will go to the post well supported by astute backers. Wild Life is another pony which has been running well of late, but somehow I don't think it has quite the class to beat the opposition mentioned above.

KWONG NOMINEES.

Blue Star at 160 pounds and Bright Star at the same weight.

CAN THE GIRAFFE BEAT KWONG BROS POLAR STAR?

BY "RINGTAIL"

will be the nominations from the Kwong Brothers' stables for the Tardy Stakes, and either of them are good enough to win, although I favour the pony which has Mr. Pan on top. Gold Key and Fortune Bay, if the latter is not seen in the Champions event, have an engagement here, and as both are evenly matched in weight and ability, some interesting speculation can be made regarding them.

THE GIRAFFE?

Quite a few local punters will tell you that The Giraffe will reverse the decisions gained by the Kwong Brothers' speedster, Polar Star, when they meet to-morrow in the Queensland Autumn Champions. On the last two occasions that these ponies have met, Mr. Butler has steered Polar Star to fairly comfortable victories, but it has to be remembered that they were over a distance of 134 miles, whereas to-morrow the race is for 134 miles, which will obviously make a great deal of difference to Mr. Frost's mount. I am inclined to think that things will be very much different to-morrow to either of these other two previous races, and Polar Star will have to do something out of the ordinary to beat The Giraffe.

Lucky Glitters has been putting up some brilliant performances lately and Prior Tuck is another pony which is well up to the distance and should figure among the placed competitors.

RACING BOY.

In the Hongkong Autumn Sub-Griffins race, all eyes will be on Racing Boy, the pony which has most wins to its credit for the 1932 season. Racing Boy has been first past the winning post no less than four times, and there is small doubt that this event will provide it with another.

But the race will not be too easy, for there are some other good ponies taking part. Incidentally Mr. H. S. Chan has sold Racing Boy since its last success, but Mr. Leo Frost will be guiding it.

Bistre may offer a good challenge to Racing Boy, for it has shown consistently good form, and is capable of putting up a good show.

The Finale Plate finds most of the ponies with unusually high weights, and this will cause some little trouble in the selection of the winner. I think it can be ascertained from either Gallant Fox, Banjolina or Whoopee, and among the lesser lights are Deven, New Kine and Cabinet Hall, from which should emerge one for the third place.

WEST POINT CONQUER

Philadelphia, Dec. 3. Led by the smashing play of Rick Vidai and Jack Luckie, last running backs, the Army's football team smashed with a burst of power to crush the Navy 20 to 0 today before a crowd of record size.

It was the fourth successive triumph for the Cadets in the annual gridiron series between the service academies.

RADIO CREEPING UP

Easy Victory Over 24th Battery

The Radio registered another win in the Mamak Tournament yesterday when they defeated the 24th Battery by 4 goals to nil at the D.R.C. ground. The game showed the Radio superior in all quarters, their forwards playing speedily and very constructively Hockey which pierced the Battery defence almost at will.

Avatar Singh opened the scoring soon after the start by converting a snarl from Snary, on the left wing. Gurbachan Singh increased the lead shortly afterwards with a slick shot from a difficult angle. Before the interval Avatar Singh again found the net, thus giving the Radio a lead of three clear goals. In this half the Battery made occasional attacks on the Radio goal but were at no time dangerous.



GURBACHAN SINGH, the brilliant Radio Sports Club hockey forward, who has scored 23 goals in the Mamak League this season.

The second half was more evenly contested, the Battery inside forwards combining well. They received little support from their flank men. A few minutes after the re-start Gurbachan Singh found the net again out of "sticks". He later scored again.

P. Singh, at right back, and Harman, in the centre of the intermediate line, were outstanding for the Radio, while Garthwaite played a sparkling game in the Battery attack. Lewis, right back, was far below his usual form and was frequently pulled up for "sticks".

TO DAY'S MATCHES.

Mamak League

R. E. v Signals—Marina, 4 P.M.
R.E.—Bailley: Meehan and Whitefield: Himbury, Mullins and C. Harding: Leslie, Hayden, R. Harding, Holmes and Page.
H.K. Ladies "A" v St. Andrew's Scouts—Sookunpo, 5.15
H.K. Ladies:—M. Bird: v. Blackburn and A. Nicol: A. Owen Hughes, D. Robertson and A. Hallifax: E. Bell, J. Dalziel, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill, and M. Bishop.

ALL BEHIND

SLOW PROGRESS OF LEAGUE CRICKET

SECOND DIVISION LETHARGY

(By "The Stumper")

PROGRESS in the League has been very slow this year, only an average of two matches being played each week. Clubs generally seem to have a great reluctance in starting on their League programme early, and one club, the University, have not played a League game in either division. The undergraduates cannot be blamed as they are having their examinations at this time of the year, but little excuse can be given for the other teams.

CONTRARY to past years, the senior division is making more progress than the junior. The Army and the Civil Service C.C. have each played three games, while the Hongkong C.C., the Navy and the Craigengower C.C. two each, and the Kowloon C.C. and the Indian R.C. one each. This, in view of the fact that the senior teams have only five League matches to play, is quite good going.

WITH the juniors, who have ten matches to play, the Indian R.C. and the Police R.C. claim the most with four each, Civil Service three, Craigengower C.C., Navy, Club de Recreo and Hongkong C.C. two each, and Kowloon C.C., R. E. and S., and R.A.S.C. one each. If matches are put back, interest may tend to wane. However, I expect to see more matches played after the New Year, when interest will be revived once again.

BOWLING very well throughout, A. C. Beck, the Club and Interport fast bowler was chiefly responsible for the defeat of the Civil Service C.C. at Happy Valley last week by nine wickets. I hear he was coming off the pitch very fast and his deliveries were kicking a bit, which made him almost unplayable. He returned the final analysis of eight wickets for 27 runs—about the best bowling performance in League cricket this season.

ALTHOUGH G. R. Sayer and J. E. Richardson put on 30 runs for the first wicket, the whole Civil Service side were out for only 69, and of the remaining runs, R. M. Wood contributed 25. The other seven batsmen collected only nine runs between them. The Club had no difficulty in passing this score and went on to make 175 for seven wickets. E. J. R. Mitchell was top-scorer with 32 and J. P. Whitham contributed 46.

I have been rather impressed by Whitham's batting of late. He has been scoring very consistently, and if he has definitely given up raggy top cricket, we are certain to hear of him again before long. He is not an enterprising type of batsman, but has a very solid defence. He scores most of his runs on the on.

THE Club second string registered their second victory when they defeated the second eleven of the Civil Service C.C. on the town ground by three wickets. Of the visitors' total of 128, A. E. Wood made 46 and was unlucky not to have reached his half-century. The Club batting was consistent and enabled them to win by three wickets close on time.

THE Hongkong Cricket Club are showing good form in both divisions, and are making a bold bid for Championship honours. They have a number of new players this season, with the result that their teams are not displaying the same lethargy that has come to be associated with them during the last couple of years. They have the material to carry off both shields and have apparently set out to do so this year.

THREE League matches are down for decision to-morrow, one in the senior and two in the junior division. The K.C.C. will be severely tested when they visit the Navy ground that is, if the visitors can muster a full side. Otherwise, the K.C.C. should collect the points. The second string are also in opposition and I think the Navy should win without difficulty. An even game should result between the Civil Service C.C. seconds and the R. E. and S. at Happy Valley.

To-morrow's Sports: Fixtures and Teams

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Division 1, K. O. 4.15.

Police v Club—Caroline Hill
Police:—Perkins: Blackburn and Brittain: Minty, Channings and Jessop: T. Pile, Moss, Johnston, Stephens and C. Pile. Reserves: Dowman and Williams.

S.W.B. v Navy—Sookunpo
Kowloon v Athletic—Kowloon
S.W.B. v Ewo—Sookunpo

SUNDAY

Lincoln v Club—Chatham Rd.
Division 2, K. O. 2.45.

Ewo v Kowloon—Navy
Lincoln v Eastern—Chatham Rd. 4

Navy v Club—Kowloon
Chinese v S.W.B.—Chinese H. V. Tsang Holmes v R. A.—Caroline Hill.

R.A.—Holmes: Leadbeater and Lowen: Ward, Greenfield and Harris: Snooks, Smith, Hardy, McDonald and Wood.

DIVISION 3.

Radio v R.A.S.C.—Chinese 4 P.M.
Radio:—U. B. Sheriff, and Bowen: Bux, Elms, and Markar: Hanib, Singh, Aycock, Lee, and Taveres. Reserves:—J. Taveres and Arevill.

S. China v R. E.—St. Joseph's, 4 P.M.

Recreo v S.W.B.—Recreo, 4 P.M.
R.A.F. v Lincoln—Recreo 2.30

SUNDAY

Signals v Talkoo, Sookunpo, 4.

SUNDAY HERALD CUP.

Sunday

Scotland v Portugal—Kowloon F. C. 3.30 p.m.

Scotland:—G. Rodger (Club); Blackburn (Police) and Tillery (Kowloon); Hughes (R.A.), Sands (R.A.O.C.) and McDonald (R.A.).

G. Duncan (Club), Hill (Kowloon), McKelvie, (Capt. Kowloon), A. Duncan (Club) and Greenfield (R.A.). Reserves: Bell (Club).

Portugal:—R. Marques (St. Joseph's), R. Silva Netto (Recreo) and L. Gomes (St. Joseph's). N. Boltrino (St. Joseph's), V. Costa (St. Joseph's), L. Fernandes (St. Joseph's), L. Souza (St. Joseph's), B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), L. Rocha (Recreo), and F. A. Santos (St. Joseph's). Reserves:—S. Souza (St. Joseph's), V. Marques (St. Joseph's), G. Victor (St. Joseph's), L. Gomes and F. Figueiredo (Recreo).

RUGBY

Club v Navy—Club
Club:—J. P. Whitham: J. J. Ferguson, W. H. B. Rigg, R. H. Griffiths, A. F. Jenkins: N. W. Turner, M. N. Macintosh: W. Kerr, J. H. McElroy, R. Stillard, W. E. Peers, D. McLehann, J. C. Miller.

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Navy v K. C. C.—Navy.
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DIVISION 2.
K. C. C. v Navy—K. C. C.
K. C. C.:—F. E. Lawrence, C. I. Stapleton, A. A. Dand, G. A. V. Hall, H. Over, G. Lee, R. J. Walker, E. O. Dunn, G. A. White, A. R. E. Raven, D. S. Green.

Valley
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FRIENDLIES.

I. R. C. 2nd XI. v Police—Sookunpo
H.K.C.C. Intra-Club Match
Hawker's XI—A. W. Hayward, E. B. Duckitt, P. Baker, A. K. MacKeane, C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. D. Lowe.

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L.A.R. Duncan, J. Ricketts, R.O.F. King, J. Berge Coupland and R. R. Davis.

A. Reid's XI:—A. Reid, H.B.R. Hancock, G.S. Dunkley, L.T. Rido, A. J. Lawson, G.E.R. Clarnabut, W.E. Hunt, C. A. Wright, L. A. Whipp, H. J. Armstrong, J.M. Sunley.

Craigengower v Combined Schools—Valley

Combined Schools:—J.L. Youngs (D.B.S.), A.A. Rumjahn, G. Windsor and G. Souza (St. Joseph's), A.J. Hulse and A. Zimmern (D.B.S.), J. Yan-pui, M. el Arculli and G. L. Lo (Don's College), and D. Blake (C.B.S.). Reserves:—E. Frith (D.B.S.) and J. Sharpe (C.B.S.).

HOCKEY.
Mamak League
University v German Club—Caroline Hill

University:—P. G. Tang: O. M. Rodrigues and A. J. Basto, K. M. Ho, R. T. Loke, and E. L. Gosano: R. Woolley, Foo Eng-lin, O. do Souza, A. A. Aziz and S. Reed.

SUNDAY
St. Andrew's v 12th Battery—Marina, 9 a.m.

H.K. Ladies "A" v St. Andrew's—Sookunpo, 3.15

FRIENDLIES.
H.K. Ladies:—J. Harris Walker: V. Blackburn and M. King: E. O'Hagan, D. Robertson and E. Franklin: E. Bell, E. S. Liang, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill, and R. King.



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These celebrations are too well known in the Colony to need any detailed description, but for the sake of any new-comers who have not had the opportunity of enjoying the occasion, it may be said that the old standard of the best goods at economical prices will be maintained.

As the saying is, there will be "all the fun of the fair," and visitors who venture into the grounds will be sorry to leave them at closing time. Among the many attractions will be found the over popular 10 cent stalls and the still more popular dollar raffle.

There will be the Dairy Farm stall which has long been one of the land marks of the fair; the surprise cake, and above all the motor-car draw, which will take place toward the end of the entertainment.

One of the leading features this year is the display for sale of 800 dolls handsomely dressed by the ladies of Hongkong. These cannot fail to be a really important attraction. It is well to note also that the toys offered for sale are of an unusually good quality, and stocks have been laid in with a view to the coming Christmas festivities.

Taken all in all, the fair will be an ideal place to go to for both young and old.

WAR DEBTS

PARIS CONVERSATIONS
CONCLUDE

Paris, Dec. 8. The War Debts conference between British and French Ministers concluded at 2.35 o'clock this afternoon, without arriving at any definite decision regarding payments due to the United States on December 15.

A Communiqué states that the two Governments have considered the position as regards the Lorraine agreements and examined the difficulties arising from the payments due to the United States.

While reserving independence of action in dealing with the difficulties, they affirmed a common determination to continue to act in order to obtain international co-operation to promote the economic restoration of the world.—*Reuter*.

CINEMA SCREENINGS

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE
THEATRES

Joan Crawford and Robert Montgomery appear as modern American lovers, and fight a dramatic battle to save their own romance, in "Letty Lynton," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer.

The story is a tense drama of the modern age, of society and intrigue, with an amazing dramatic climax in which the heroine faces the choice between prison and loss of her reputation. The plot deals with a husband whose indiscretions crop up in the form of a jealous and jilted lover, as she is about to find her life happiness. There is a poisoning; suspicion falls on her, and to save her from prison, her mother and lover provide the only alibi they can find, though it threatens the worst of scandals. An astounding battle of wits between the district attorney and the girl and her mother is one of the big dramatic situations in the film.

Miss Crawford as Letty wears beautiful gowns, dances the tango, breaks men's hearts, and, as the final, gives one of the greatest dramatic performances of her career.

Montgomery, as the debonair American who suddenly turns fighter for the girl he loves, has a role perfectly suited to his unique personality.

standing work is also done by Nils Asther, the famous Swedish actor, as the Jesus Renaul, and by May Hobbs, as the mother. Lewis Stone scores in the role of the district attorney and Louis Clouser Hale contributes character comedy as the maid. The masterful direction of Clarence Brown is apparent throughout the entire production.

"Mischief"

"Mischief," which is now showing at the King's Theatre, the new British and Dominions film featuring Ralph Lynn, has an episode which is about the funniest yet heard in talkies. It introduces a rustic youth whose business it is to drive visitors to their destination in a decrepit buggy drawn by a horse which pulls a plough when not on the road. The horse moves only when it is asked to stop, and only stops when it is asked to move. The boy cannot be moved at all unless he is "dared" to do so, and all approaches to him have to be in the form of an insulting gesture, accompanied by a vocal challenge that sounds like "Gertcha." This "Gertcha" should become a catch-phrase. The famous comedian is supported by Winifred Shottler and a fine cast, which includes James Carew, Jeannette Stuart, Jack Hobbs, Maud Gill, Dorothy Davenport, Kenneth Kove and Louise Emery.

"The First Year"

As a test to discover if you are funny or not, shut yourself in a room and try to be so comical that you'll laugh at yourself. "This being funny is no laughing matter," declares Alanna Gombell, outstanding come-

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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS GOES
BACK TO AMERICA

Douglas Fairbanks, the film star who passed through Hongkong at the beginning of November on a big game hunting expedition to French Indo-China and Java, has suddenly cancelled his tour programme and sailed for Europe.

The reason for the sudden alteration to his plans is stated to be the receipt of an urgent message from his wife (the famous Mary Pickford), who wishes to spend Christmas with him in California, but another report states that the message from his wife calls him back as she recently entered into a contract with a film company which is engaged in producing an important picture.

Douglas Fairbanks left Bombay by the Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde, and is hurrying across Europe now to cross the Atlantic to meet Mrs. Fairbanks.

Asked in Bombay when he would be coming back to the Far East, Mr. Fairbanks said that he hoped to return with his wife next year. Mr. Fairbanks hopes, on his next trip, that he and Mrs. Fairbanks will stay in Hongkong for at least a week.

diene of the screen whose next success is "The First Year," the new Janet Gaynor-Charles Farrell comedy to be seen at the King's Theatre on Sunday next. "I like to hear people laugh when they are not laughing just to be nice to me or to oblige me. In the presence of an audience, I can tell whether I'm funny or not, but in front of a microphone, how is one going to judge? It's like trying to make the kitchen range laugh. Still, I prefer the screen to the stage; because it affords the actor more of a chance to give a finished performance. An actor half a dozen times, perhaps more, on the set and the best performance is selected as the one for the screen. The ones that are not so good are discarded. These several 'takes,' as they are called, may reflect as many different moods of the player, too. "When the picture is finished it is taken to some theatre and previewed. The audience does not know what it is going to see until the title is flashed on the screen. Studio executives are careful to keep the details of the preview a secret so that the players in the picture cannot round up a number of their friends and attend the first showing of the picture. This, of course, wouldn't do. The audience must look at the picture 'cold turkey' and the laughs, if there are any, must come from strangers. "By following this method, the studio executives get a pretty fair line on the performances of the individual players and of the picture as a whole."

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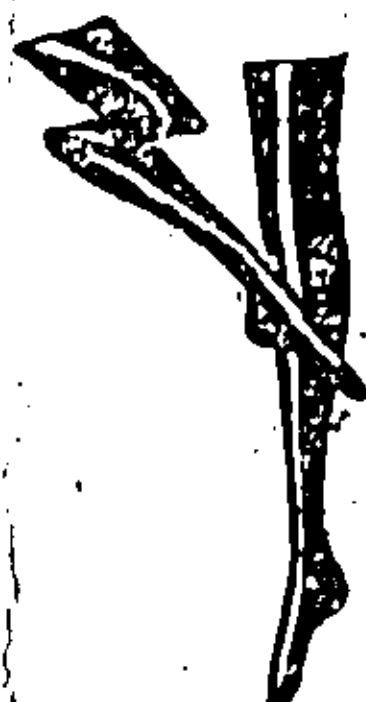
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THE BENNIE RAILPLANE

INSTITUTE TALK

TRIP TO CANTON VISUALISED

A most interesting talk on the Bennie Railplane, the invention of a Glasgow engineer, was given before an appreciative audience last evening, at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, by Professor W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., who illustrated his paper with lantern slides.

Mr. P. T. Farrell, who presided, thanked the lecturer, after which a discussion took place as to the merits of the Bennie Railplane. Among those who took part in the discussion were Mr. C. J. Blackburn, Mr. F. P. R. James and Mr. F. C. Weller.

Introducing his subject, Professor Brown said:

Most of the papers read before this Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders are contributed by men who are engaged in the practice of one or other of the many branches of engineering. Their authors, naturally and rightly, find their themes in their own daily life. The records they compile, the problems they discuss, the views they bring forward, the suggestions they have to offer, arise from their own every-day experience. And it is precisely the close relationship with professional practice that makes such papers of vital interest, and gives weight to the opinions expressed in them.

The paper, or lecture, which I have the honour to submit to you this evening is rather an exception to the general rule. For myself, I am not now engaged in, nor have I any close connexion with, practical engineering; and my subject, the Bennie Railplane, has hardly yet reached the stage of established practice. This novel method of rapid transportation is just emerging from the stage of invention and experiment, and the interest of it lies not in the present or the past, for it has no past and very little of a present, but in its potentialities for the future.

All modern railway work involves civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering. The proposed Bennie Railplane includes all these, and adds some aeronautical interest, as it uses air-propellers as its means of propulsion. I hope then that what I have to say, and the lantern-pictures I have to show, may prove of general interest to the considerable variety of engineers in this audience. I have the initial advantage over most of you,—perhaps over all of you,—of having met the inventor, Mr. George Bennie, (during my repeated visits to Glasgow in 1931), of having discussed the railplane with him, or having seen the splendid working-model in his city office, and inspected the full-scale demonstration line in running order.

Previous Talk.

Exactly eight months ago this evening, I gave a formal talk on railplane to the engineering students at the University. I sent a newspaper report of it to Mr. Bennie, and a covering letter in which I mentioned the possibility that I might, towards the end of the year, be asked to give a similar lecture to the Institution. With a view to this, I asked him to send me as much technical data as he could,—facts and figures of all sorts relative to materials, dimensions, weight, costs, powers, records of performance and efficiency; anything and everything that might enable me to offer an interesting and instructive paper to an audience of technical men, and to answer intelligent questions in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Bennie acknowledged my letter, and promised to write later with regard to the points I had raised. Thus far, however, no fresh information has reached me, and in submitting what follows I am largely dependent on my recollections of what I heard and saw in Glasgow over fifteen months ago. I trust however that the interest of novelty may compensate for any deficiencies that may be observed as regards technical details.

The Bennie Railplane.

Developing his theme the lecturer continued:

The ceaseless demand for improved transport, with greater speed, safety, comfort, and economy, has directed the evolution of railway trains, automobiles, steam and motor-ships, airships and aeroplanes, to their present remarkable stages of development. Each of these means of travel has its own special advantages and limitations, and each is a compromise. Where speed is the prime consideration, the aeroplane is an easy first. It has the further merit that no track need be constructed for it, and in this respect it resembles the ship that ploughs the pathless ocean. But though improvements are continually being devised, it cannot yet be said that the aeroplane is by any means free from danger, and there are still many travellers who, with ample opportunities, are unwilling to trust themselves to the throes of flying.

Long-distance trains in highly developed countries provide a luxurious comfort, and an average speed about double that of the fastest train.

To indicate in the fewest words the character of the Bennie Railplane, we might call it an attempt to combine the speed of the aeroplane with the safety of the train. Hence the name "rail-plane". The new carrier is like an aeroplane that cannot fall, at any speed or at no speed; though it has no wings, and in appearance resembles rather a small airship.

A Working Model.

The idea of the railplane originated in the fertile brain of Mr. George Bennie, a well-known Glasgow engineer, who has several other inventions already to his credit. In a northern suburb of Glasgow, Mr. Bennie has had a full-scale demonstration rail-plane track erected over a short length of disused railway siding, and in his city office he has a wonderful working model in which all the operations are controlled electrically from a switch-board.

The full-scale car has accommodation for twenty passengers but with ordinary seating instead of arm-chairs it could take in double that number.

The body is largely of duralumin, an alloy of aluminium which, with virtually the same strength as mild steel, but only one-third of its weight, has come into general use in recent years in the construction of aeroplanes and airships.

With motors and all equipment the car weighs only about four tons, and thus it has a carrying capacity about equal to its unloaded weight. Contrast this with an ordinary railway-train, where all the passengers and their baggage may weigh only six or seven per cent. of the empty coach!

The car is suspended from an overhead monorail supported on trestles. The track-wheels are of special design, running with the minimum of resistance on roller-bearings, and embodying a novel idea of Mr. Bennie's to eliminate noise, a solid ring of rubber inside the tyre. The same device has been successfully tried-out on some of the underground railways in London, though thus far only on trailing wheels, and not on driving-wheels which have to transmit torque.

The track-wheels of the railplane have no function but to support the car, and run quietly and smoothly. They are used for neither driving nor braking. In the case of the railway locomotive, the pull it can give to the train is proportional to the weight pressing the driving-wheels against the rails. The tractive effort can be augmented temporarily, by using sand to increase the coefficient of friction, and it may be reduced almost to zero if from any cause the rail becomes slippery. But in the Bennie railplane the condition of the rail makes no difference to the driving, and adhesive weight is of no value, as the car is driven, not through the track-wheels, but by means of air-screws.

Striking Advantages.

This mode of propulsion has some striking advantages. Starting up is very smooth; the absence of all jerking is decidedly attractive. Also, the reversal of the propellers, which can be done easily and almost instantaneously, makes a very gentle but effective brake. Brake-shoes, acting not on the wheels but on the track-rail, on the inside of the track-rail, provide more vigorous and positive braking. These friction brakes can be operated by hand and also by power, and the electrical application of them can be made automatic, controlled by the signals along the track.

The demonstration line in Glasgow takes its power from the adjacent tramway system, which operates on direct current at 600 volts. The air-screws, one at each end of the car, are under the electric-parallel control usual on tramways.

Each motor has a normal rating of 60 horse-power, but is capable of a very large-overload over short periods. The usual propeller speed is about 1,200 revolutions per minute, and this should give the car a linear speed on the level of about 120 miles an hour. The demonstration line is only a very short one, and it is impracticable to get up any high speed, in fact not more than 25 or 30 miles an hour. But the figure of 120 miles per hour claimed for normal running conditions may be readily accepted, as it is based on the very accurate knowledge of air-resistance and propeller performance obtained from aeroplane experience and research. Aero-dynamics has now become almost an exact science.

Internal Combustion.

Wherever electrical energy, either D.C. or A.C., is readily available, a cheap rate, the Bennie Railplane would naturally make use of it; but in the absence of such, high-speed internal-combustion engines of the "aero" type could be used instead, with no important difficulties in weight or efficiency.

Such a car as is here used, of light weight, and suspended from an overhead rail, would be liable to sway a good deal, especially in a strong wind. It would also, swinging out through a big angle when rounding a curve at high speed. These tendencies are however controlled by horizontal wheels, attached to the underside of the car, which came into contact with a guide rail.

On an ordinary railway, where the propulsion depends on the adhesion of steel wheels on smooth steel rails, a gradient of 1 in 100 is considered rather steep, at least where high average speeds are called for. On a very steep gradient the tractive effort must be enormously increased while the force of adhesion is appreciably diminished. It is claimed for the Bennie Railplane that gradients up to 1 in 25 present no serious difficulty.

May Be Reversed.

The cars of the Bennie aero-railway could be run in either direction with equal ease, but not with equal efficiency. The cars when running in reverse, it is intended that the cars should normally run in one direction only, and this involves the provision of a turn-table, or a loop, at least at every terminus.

A vital claim made for the Bennie Railplane system is its remarkable cheapness, both for construction and for maintenance, in comparison with ordinary railways. The following comparative figures for costs of construction are supplied by the inventor.

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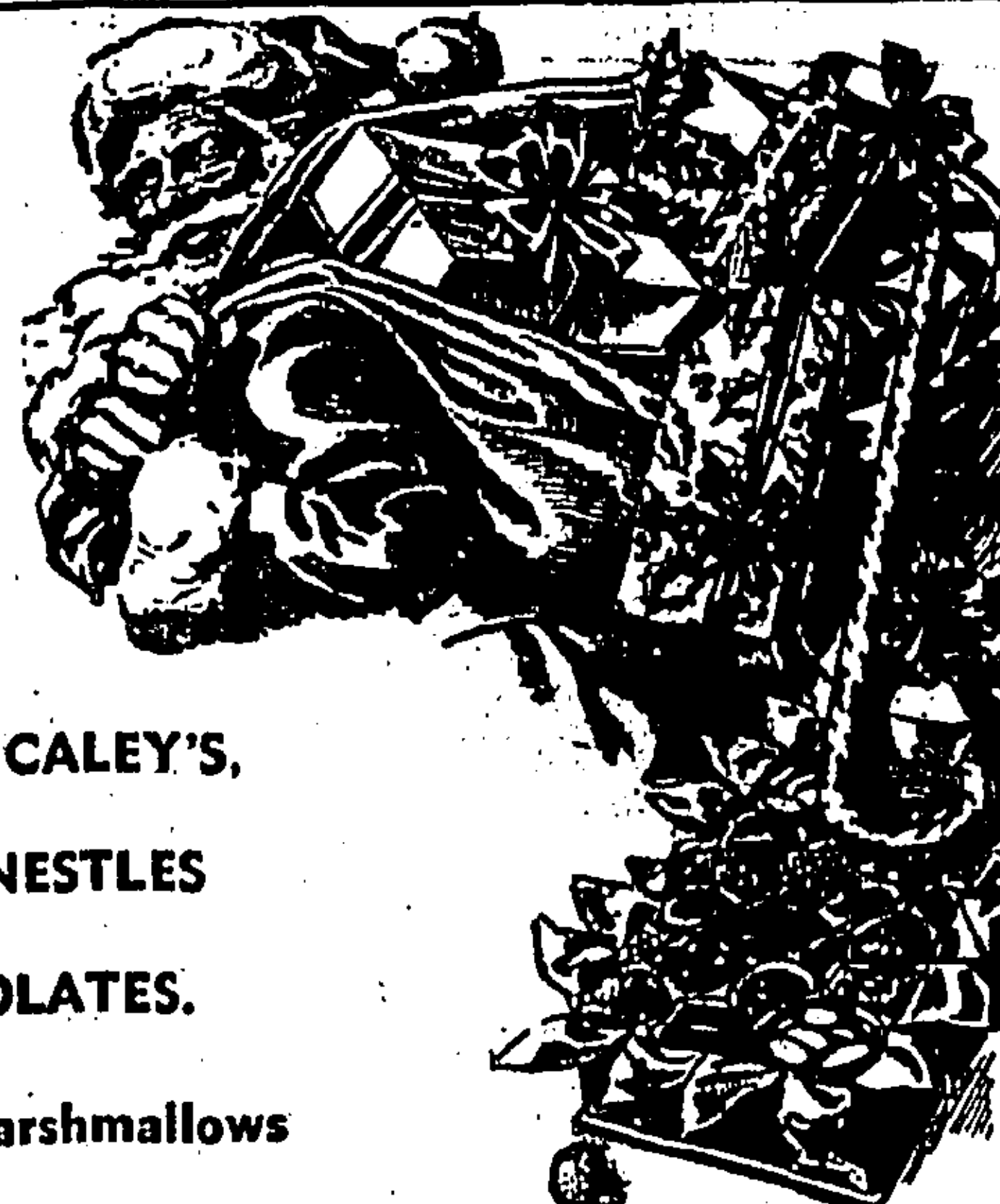
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These are the costs of new and independent construction, but one of the chief ideas of Mr. Bennie is that his over-head lines should be built along and above existing railways and even roadways. The rail-plane would then be used for the conveyance of passengers and light freights at high speeds, while the roads and railways would still carry the heavy goods at ordinary speeds. This separation of fast traffic from slow traffic he regards as of vital importance, especially in a highly-developed and congested country like Britain. Of course, the rail-plane track would need to deviate from the road or railway wherever there are sharp bends, or over-bridges, or tunnels.

Ground Work Minimised.

As regards fresh construction over hitherto undeveloped country, it should be observed that very little levelling would be necessary, as moderate variations of ground-level would be balanced by using trestles of different heights, and these trestles could be built-up from standard

be very little disturbed by the erection of a rail-plane overhead. Instead of cuttings and tunnels and embankments there would be merely a succession of small concrete foundations to support the trestles, while between these points, streams, roads, existing railways, and agricultural land would remain undisturbed.

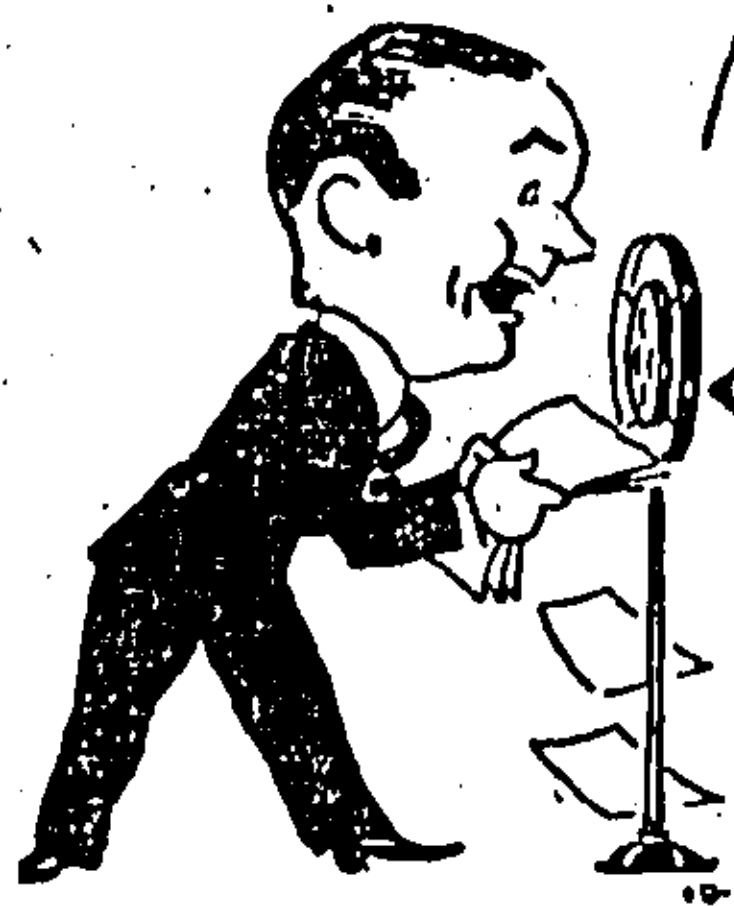
With regard to the cost of maintaining a rail-plane service, it should be realised that for a given route the high speed of travel means that only a small number of cars would be required. By way of example, Mr. Bennie discussed with me the probable service if a rail-plane line were erected between Glasgow and Edinburgh, a distance of about fifty miles. A car, accommodating say 40 passengers, could do this journey in 25 minutes, and could be back at the starting-point, ready for a second outward-trip, in little over one hour. Hence, only seven cars would be necessary to maintain normally a ten-minute service, capable of conveying each way about 240 passengers per hour. This high-frequency of service, and the possibility for the traveller

of commencing the journey practically at any moment without the necessity of consulting a time-table, would do much to attract passenger traffic.

For Kowloon-Canton?

It is interesting to speculate on the chances of seeing some day a Bennie Railplane running between Kowloon and Canton, over the existing railway. The only region in which a large deviation would be necessary would be between Yau-mat and Shatin, and over that section the aeroline could follow very approximately the route taken by the motor road. The journey between the terminals would take just about one hour.

In the opinion of many competent judges the Bennie Railplane system is both mechanically and economically sound. The stage of invention may be regarded as practically over, and the inventor and his associates are now mainly concerned with advertisement and propaganda. The large number of interested enquiries they have received from governments, and transport companies in many parts of the world encourage the hope that at no distant date the system may be widely adopted.

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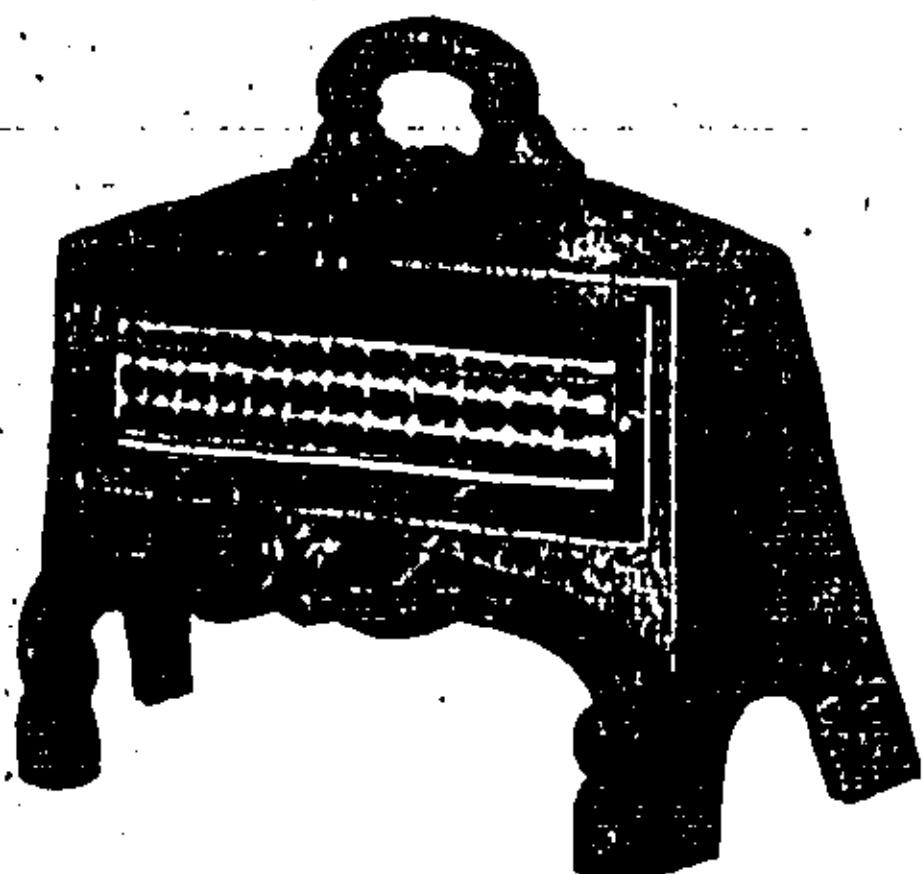
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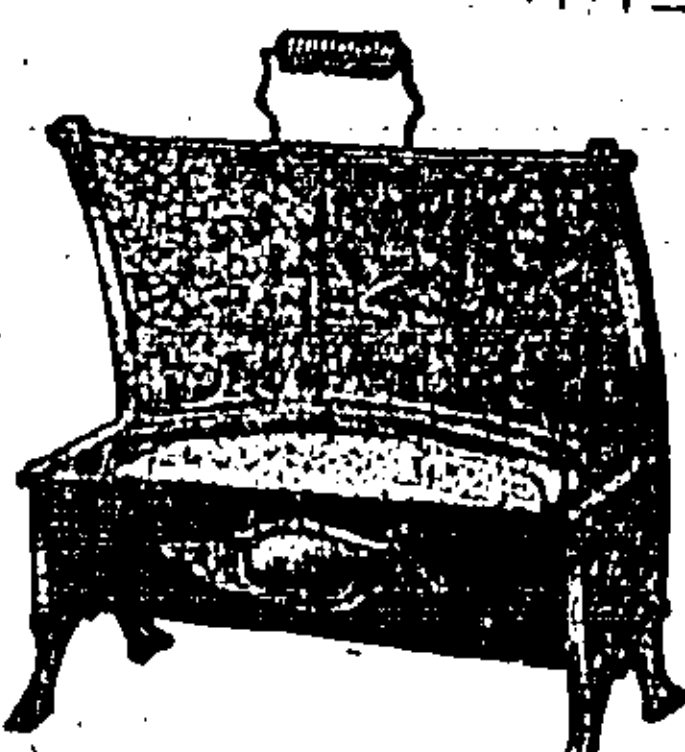
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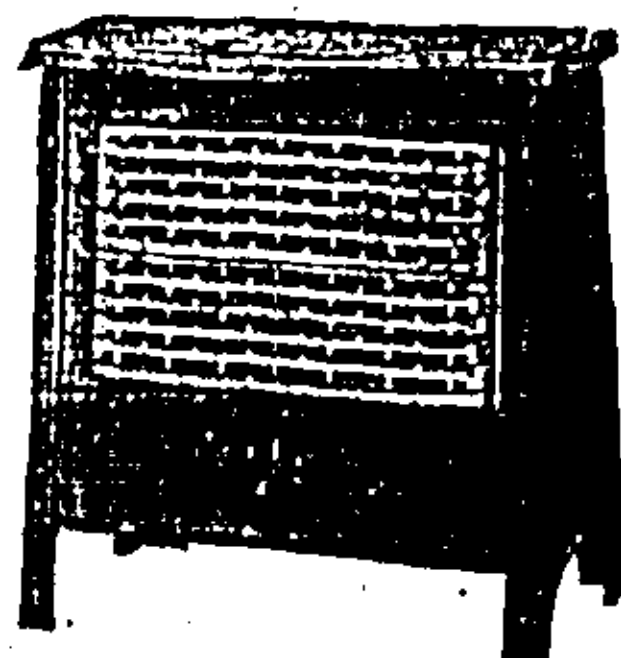
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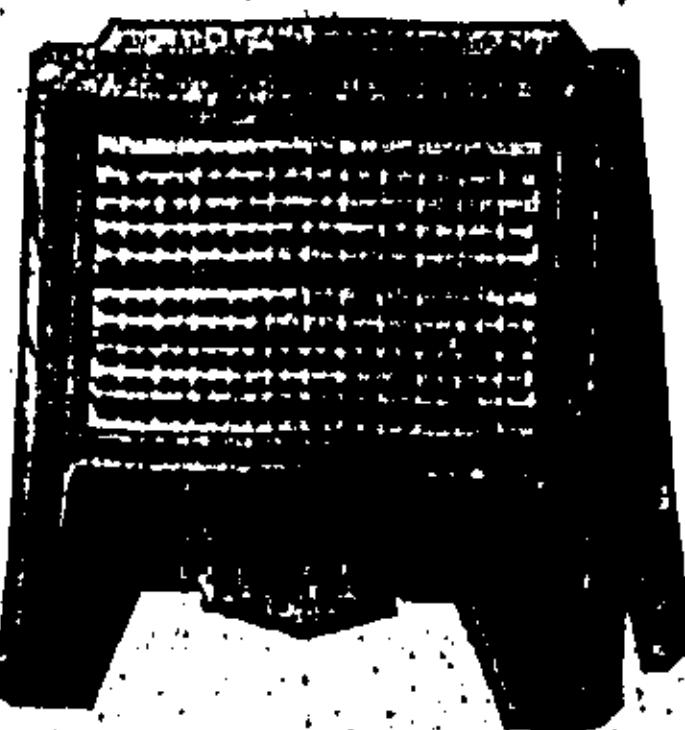
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3.—The Ladies Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" Classes at time of entry. Winners of an Official or Unofficial Flat Race since 1st January 1932, barred. Weight 150 lbs. Ladies who have not won a flat race allowed 10 lbs. No Whips or Spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles. A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider.

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5.—The Christmas Plate.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class that have not at time of entry, won more than \$50 in Stakes since 1st January, 1932. Weight for inches as per scale. To be ridden by jockeys who have never won 10 races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

6.—The Christmas Steeplechase.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per Scale. Winners this Season of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race, 10 lbs. Penalty Non-winners of this Season allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee \$5. Two Miles.

7.—The Christmas Hurdle Race.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per Scale. Winners this Season of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race, 10 lbs. Penalty. Non-winners this Season allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Half Miles.

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1.—The Troop Steeplechase (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies certified by the O.C., M.C.T., H.K.V.D.C., as Regular Troop Ponies. First Division. Winners of 1932 of any Steeplechase including Unofficial Steeplechases barred. Weight for inches as per Scale. To be ridden by members of the Troop. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Half Miles.

2.—The United Services' Hurdle Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies, bona fide property of, and to be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Forces. Weight 168 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

3.—The New Year Hurdle Race.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per Scale. Winners this Season of a Steeplechase or Hurdle Race, 10 lbs. Penalty. Non-winners of this Season allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—The Ladies Sprint Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class that have not, at time of Entry, won more than \$500 in Stakes since the 1st January 1932. Weight 150 lbs. Ladies who have not won a flat race allowed 10 lbs. No whips or spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. Six Furlongs.

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Mr. J. G. Lincoln, third officer, Antung, has gone second officer, Sinking.

Mr. W. R. Kirkland, second officer, Chenan, has gone sup'y second officer, Fatsan.

Mr. W. E. Hargrave, second officer, Chungking, has gone second officer, Chenan.

Mr. J. Paterson, chief officer, Kiating, has gone chief officer, Anshu.

Mr. F. F. M. de Freitas, chief officer, Anshu, has gone command, Shaik.

Capt. J. H. Hodgkins, of the Nanking, has gone command, Changsha.

Capt. E. Johnson, of the Changsha, has gone command, Kiating.

Capt. R. Kettlewell, sup'y master, Wanshan, is on home leave.

Mr. M. P. Beard, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, Tungchow.

Mr. G. T. M. Ramsay, from home leave, has gone chief officer, Nanking.

Mr. D. L. Campbell, second officer, Soochow, has gone second officer, Shantung.

Mr. P. Swan, second officer, Shantung, has gone second officer, Soochow.

Mr. J. W. A. Whitney, sup'y second officer, from in transit, has gone sup'y second officer, Wanshan.

Mr. R. B. Peck, chief engineer officer, Kueichow, is on short leave.

Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, sup'y second engineer officer, Kwangchow, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Kueichow.

Mr. R. Hawley, sup'y third engineer officer, Kaying, is on short leave.

Mr. W. C. Sommerville, third engineer officer, Sinking, is on short leave.

Mr. D. F. Stratton, sup'y third engineer officer, Kaying, has gone third engineer officer, Sinking.

Mr. P. Cameron, sup'y third engineer officer, Kaying, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Kalgan.

Mr. E. Sweet, sup'y second engineer officer, Kaying, has gone sup'y second engineer officer, Kalgan.

Mr. J. P. J. Maher, sup'y chief engineer officer, is on short leave.

Mr. J. S. McDonald, second engineer officer, Soochow, has gone second engineer officer, Kiating.

Mr. E. L. Pears, sup'y third engineer officer, Wanshan, has gone acting second engineer officer, Soochow.

Mr. W. A. S. McMurtrie, sup'y third engineer officer, Wanshan, has gone third engineer officer, Luchow.

Mr. J. Bruce, third engineer officer, Luchow, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Wanshan.

Mr. C. Duff, sup'y second engineer officer, from short leave, has gone sup'y second engineer officer, Wanshan.

Mr. E. Bruce, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, Soochow.

Capt. R. Hughes, from home leave, has gone sup'y master, Sulang.

Mr. C. M. Bous, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Foonang.

Mr. R. A. Kneen, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Hopang.

Mr. A. J. Pigott, chief officer, Hopang, is on reserve.

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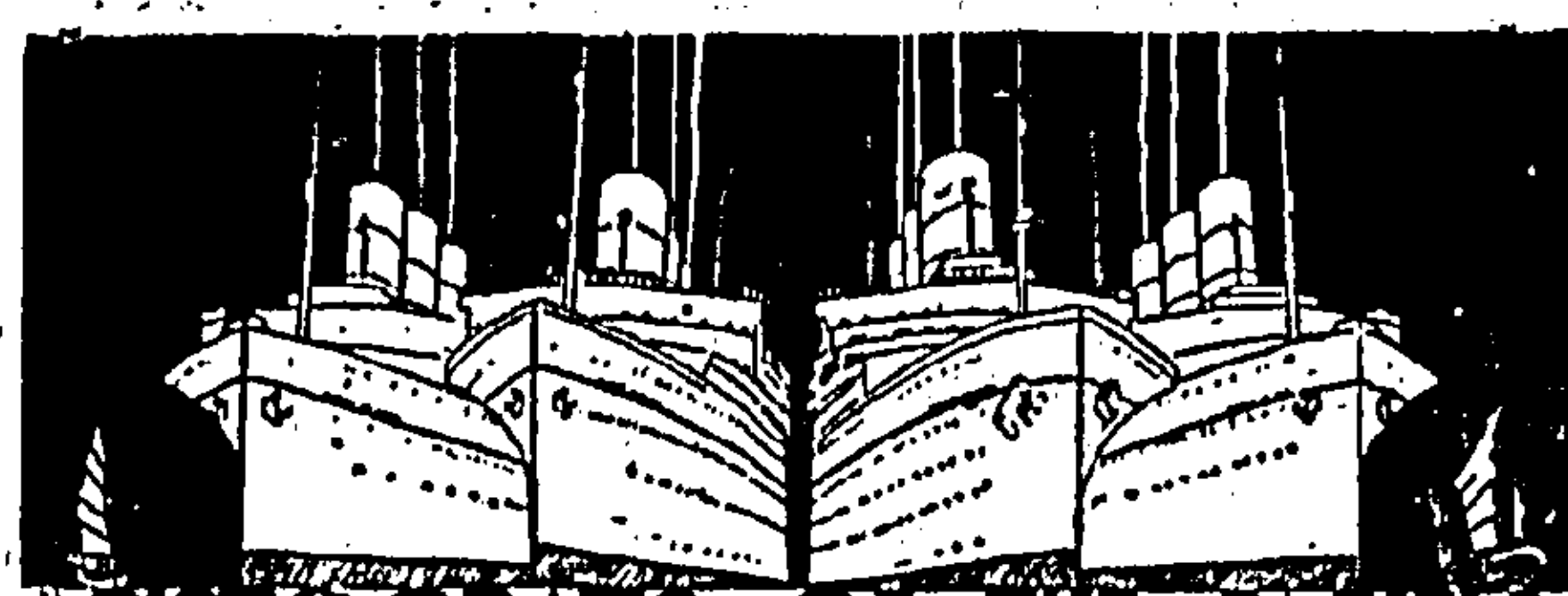
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By W. E. McKenney

Several new and interesting changes in the code of rules governing rubber contract bridge have now become effective.

The new revoke law should meet with popular approval. While the penalty remains as two tricks, only tricks won after an established revoke may be taken to pay the penalty.

A second, and each subsequent revoke, is subject to a penalty of one trick, payable in the same manner.

A revoke to the 12th trick is no longer subject to a penalty.

A new deal may be demanded for a number of infringements, such as bids out of turn, bids when barred, naming wrong suits when doubling, or using unrecognized calls or declarations. In the future, if you look at your cards during the deal, an opponent may demand a new deal.

Five important changes have been made in the scoring.

No trump trick values have been changed to 30 for the first, third fifth and seventh odd trick, and increased to 40 for the second, fourth and sixth odd trick. Whether or not this will prove popular or confusing will be hard to say until the public has tried it out. For tournament play this should prove beneficial as five of a minor and three no trump now receive the same score.

When you make a contract doubled or redoubled the trick values will be scored doubled or redoubled as in the past, but the extra premium formerly given for making your contract has been eliminated and justly so, as the odds in the past were too much in favour of the declarer.

The new code adopts the principles used in tournament play—that of scoring undoubled overtricks at the regular odd-trick value. For example, if you bid one heart and make three, you will score 30 below the line, but instead of 50 each above the line for the two extra tricks, you will now receive only 30 points each, while if it were clubs or diamonds, it would be 20 for each overtrick.

A change long awaited by contract players has been made in the undertrick penalties. These penalties have been completely out of proportion in the past, but the jump is now only 50 points per trick. The doubled not vulnerable penalties and the undoubled vulnerable penalties are now the same.

Grand slam premiums have been equalized by increasing the value to 1500 not vulnerable and 2250 vulnerable. In the past a vulnerable small slam, with its game bonus, was worth about 1500 points.

This remains the same. Formerly the grand slam bidder risked this 1500 points to gain only 750 points, but this risk is now equalized by adding 750 points to the grand slam bonus, so the declarer

HOSPITAL PROJECT.

CHEUNG CHAU ISLAND'S
URGENT NEED

It is understood that Mr. Aw Boon-haw, the well-known Singapore Chinese philanthropist and wealthy merchant, will donate a big sum for the construction of a hospital on Cheung Chau Island, and will purchase a piece of land covering 20,000 square feet for this institution.

Some days ago Mr. Aw Boon-haw visited Cheung Chau Island in the company of Mr. Ip Kwai-chung. While there Mr. Aw visited the temporary hospital set up by members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, and Mr. A. Morris, the assistant commissioner of the Brigade, Mrs. Langley, the secretary, Dr. Ma Luk and Dr. M. H. Hoahing were busy at work in their one storey hospital, which incidentally is the only medical service in the whole island providing the poor Chinese fisher folk with all necessary medical services, including attention in maternity cases.

While Mr. Aw Boon-haw was chatting with the medical workers there was one application for a bed for a maternity case. As the rooms in the hospital were all engaged the St. John Ambulance workers had to secure accommodation on a big wooden junk.

The visitor was so impressed with the immediate need for a well-equipped hospital for Cheung Chau, that he made the suggestion to purchase some land from the Government to build one. It is believed that the suggestion has met with the approval of the Ambulance workers, and apart from Mr. Aw's contribution it is understood that arrangements have been made to secure more funds by organising Chinese theatrical performances in the Ko Shing Theatre in the near future.

LOCAL DOGS' HOME.

REPORT ON WORKING FOR
LAST MONTH

During the month of November the activities of the Dogs' Home were similar to those in the preceding month.

Thirteen dogs were admitted from various sources, and twelve were dealt with as follows. Sold 2, destroyed at the request of owners 6, sick dogs destroyed 4.

All dogs were destroyed in the lethal chamber, and in addition, two rabbits and one cat were also destroyed in the lethal chamber.

There are now seven dogs in the Home awaiting suitable homes, and all are in healthy condition.

now risks his 1500 points to gain an additional 1500 points.

This increase in the grand slam bonuses may not work out so well for tournament play, as it offers too much of an inducement to the sacrifice bidder, but of course, grand slams are seldom bid in tournament play.

You may still make a psychic bid when not vulnerable and profit by it if your opponents fail to double, as the undertrick undoubled not vulnerable penalty remains at 50 points per trick. The weapon against a psychic bid is the double and the law makers did not feel that any additional weapon was necessary.

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Police in the New Territories are making a vigilant search for three Chinese alleged to be responsible for committing a murder yesterday afternoon at Tsun Wan, where Wan Pan, 35, a labourer connected with the Shing Mun Water scheme was done to death in a lonely hillside.

The body has been recovered

but the three assailants have escaped.

According to the sole eye-witness of the murder, Wan Tak-chung, uncle of victim, they went to cut wood in the hillside yesterday at noon and while approaching a path at Tsun Wan they were approached by three men, thought to be friends. The three men set on Wan Pan and in his excitement Wan Tak-chung fled. On returning to the scene he found his nephew had been murdered. He attributes the murder to revenge over a woman.

FOUR NEW BILLS TO BECOME LAW.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Four New Bills, relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates and the practice before magistrates; the protection of women and girls; the law in regard to summary offences; and the law in respect of the registration of United Kingdom patents, passed through their final stages at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Those Present.

His Excellency the Governor (Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E.) presided and also present were:

His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.)

The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.)

The Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.)

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs (Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.)

The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. E. Taylor)

Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., (Inspector General of Police)

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Amendments.

After the second reading of "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the jurisdiction of magistrates and the procedure and practice before magistrates in relation to offences punishable on summary conviction and to indictable offences and for other purposes" the Attorney General said: It is usual at this stage that the

Council go into committee to consider the Bill clause by clause. As this Bill has four introductory clauses, eight parts and three Schedules I move that so much of Standing Order 27 as requires the Bill to be considered clause by clause be suspended, and that thereafter the Bill be considered, first by the four introductory clauses, then by each of the eight parts and then by each of the three schedules, and finally by its enacting clause and title.

Council then went into Committee.

The Attorney General: I move an amendment in Clause 32 which is in Part II, and that is an addition at the end of section 32 of the words, "A similar order may be made where sufficient money to satisfy the fine has been found on the defendant as the result of previous search by the Police". The addition of these words simply justifies the practice and interpretation of the previous words. It is the practice of the Police to search defendants before they are brought before the magistrates. I move that that be done now.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and this was agreed to.

The Attorney General: I move an amendment in Part VI. There is a blank in the marginal note in the second paragraph of Clause 116 and should be filled in by the figure 38. I move that that be done now.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and this was agreed to.

Council then resumed and the Attorney General reported the Bill had passed through committee with two immaterial amendments, and moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill passed its third reading and was carried.

Other Bills which passed their final stages were "An Ordinance to amend and consolidate the law relating to Summary Offences"; "An Ordinance to consolidate and amend the law relating to the Registration of United Kingdom Patents"; and "An Ordinance to amend the Protection of Women and Girls Ordinance, 1897".

Governor's Thanks.

H. E. the Governor—As it seems this will probably be the last meeting of the Council for this year, I take the opportunity on behalf of my Honourable Friend, the Colonial Secretary, and myself, of thanking you all very sincerely for the generous help and co-operation

RIOTOUS SCENES IN REICHSTAG.

NAZIS AND COMMUNISTS COME TO BLOWS

London, Dec. 8. Ashtrays, telephones, cuspidors and inkpots were hurled by infuriated Nazis and Communists at each other in the Reichstag, following a furious attack on President Von Hindenburg by a Communist deputy, states a Berlin telegram.

Spectators from the gallery joined in the fray and were set upon by uniformed Nazis, whereupon 50 Communists rushed upstairs and continued the battle there.

The House then debated the Nazi Bill for handing over presidential authority to the President of the Supreme Court in the event of Von Hindenburg's death or resignation.

The Bill is designed to prevent the power from falling into the hands of Von Schleicher. Our Own Correspondent.

RUSSIAN SLANDER

SOVIET'S REFUSAL TO TENDER APOLOGY

London, Dec. 8. It has been learned that the Soviet has refused to apologise for the propagandist articles in the Soviet newspaper *Izvestia* as demanded by Sir John Simon. The Soviet says it cannot be held responsible for the decisions of the Editorial Board. Reuter.

you have given us during the periods we have administered the Government of the Colony in the present year. We are very grateful to you for all your advice and we appreciate your helpful criticisms, no doubt almost always justified. I tender my sincerest good wishes for the forthcoming year, fully hoping it will bring a turn in the tide and a revival of the trade of this Colony. The Council will adjourn *sine die*.

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AMERICA REFUSES WAR DEBT POSTPONEMENT

America's Reply to Britain gives no direct answer to the request for postponement of the December war debt instalment, but expresses confidence that Congress would consider any reasonable suggestion for facilitating the payment.
It is authoritatively foreshadowed in Paris that Britain will pay in gold.

AMERICA'S REPLY TO FRANCE NOW IN THE HANDS OF AMBASSADOR

Washington, Dec. 8.
The American Reply to the French Note on war debts has been handed to the French Ambassador. It is believed to be conciliatory in tone without departing from the requirement that the December instalment of the war debt be paid.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S CHALLENGE

READY TO FACE THE SANCTIONS

WILL NOT BUDGE FROM STAND

Geneva, Dec. 8.
The general debate in the League Assembly closed this afternoon with a declaration by Mr. Matsuoka that Japan was ready to face the severest sanctions of the League rather than alter her standpoint regarding Manchuria.

Following the earlier threat of Japanese resignation from the League the tactics of Mr. Matsuoka have presented the Assembly with an extremely delicate situation.

It is believed, however, that the League's "genius in diplomacy" will prove equal to the resolution submitted by Senator Connolly (Ireland). Dr. Benes (Czechoslovakia), and the Spanish delegate, condemning the actions of Japan, the adoption of which might involve Japan's resignation.

It is believed that the resolution will be side-tracked by taking the other resolution, sponsored by the Swiss and Czechoslovakian delegates, first. This resolution refers all resolutions to the Committee of Nineteen.—Reuter.

LONDONER TURNS BUDDHIST

MR. B. L. BROUGHTON INITIATED

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Peking, Dec. 9.
In the presence of more than fifty Chinese Buddhists, including Chu Ching-lan, the well-known relief worker, Mr. B. L. Broughton, Vice-President of the Mahabodhi Society of London, has been initiated into the local Buddhist Association.

Mr. Broughton is the first Englishman to be initiated in Peking.—Reuter.

SU PING-WEN'S FATE

CONFLICTING TALES IN HARBIN

Harbin, Dec. 9.
Reports regarding the fate of General Su Ping-wen are most conflicting, some stating that he is still in Soviet territory and others that he is among four thousand Chinese troops sent back into Chinese territory.—Reuter.

REPLY TO BRITISH DEBTS NOTE

PREPARED TO REVIEW ENTIRE SITUATION

ADMITS INCREASED BURDEN

LONDON, December 9.

THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SURVEY THE ENTIRE WAR DEBTS SITUATION IN CO-OPERATION WITH BRITAIN, TO CONSIDER WHAT MEANS MAY BE TAKEN TO RESTORE STABILITY OF EXCHANGES AND TO REVIVE TRADE, BUT MUST INSIST UPON PAYMENT OF THE DECEMBER INSTALMENT, NO MATTER WHAT DEVICE IS ADOPTED TO MITIGATE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE TRANSFER.

This is the purport of America's Reply to the British War Debt Note which was released for publication today. It recognises the increased burden of the debt and its relationship to the problem of world recovery, and the dangerous possibilities inherent in the December payment.

The Note disagrees with the British contention that war debts are largely responsible for the world depression and that cancellation is essential to world recovery.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEPRESSION

The Reply of the United States Secretary of State to the British Note on War Debts says the United States Government have considered the British Note with the greatest care, and proceeds:
"Whatever part the debt payments may have played in the economic history of the post-war years, it is clear that in the present conditions of world-wide depression, accompanied by the sweeping fall of prices, their weight has greatly increased, and that they have a very definite relationship to the problem of recovery in which both the British and American people have such vital interest."

COMPLETE SURVEY.

The President of the United States is prepared, through whatever agency may seem appropriate, in co-operation with the British Government to survey the situation and to consider what means may be taken to bring about a restoration of the stability of currencies and exchange, a revival of trade and a recovery of prices.
"I welcome the suggestion for a close examination between the United States and Great Britain of the whole subject, in preparation for the international economic conference, for I believe that there are important avenues of mutual advantage which should be thoroughly explored."

CANCELLATION NOT IMPLIED.
"Such an examination does not imply cancellation."

"In such an examination, there would necessarily be consideration of other forms of tangible compensation available, for the expansion of markets for the products of American agriculture and labour."

"And you will understand that the problem of foreign debts has, in the American mind, a very definite relationship with the continuous burden which competitive armament imposes upon the entire world."

Proceeding, the reply says the United States Government cannot accept the implications

in the British Note that the loans made by the United States represent, in their interest, expenditure on destruction, that the payments heretofore made to the United States have been largely responsible for the existing world depression and the concentration of a large amount of gold in the United States and that the complete cancellation of war debts is essential to world recovery.

COMBINED LOANS.

It says that many of the loans made before the Armistice and substantially all made since, were not for destruction, but that less than one-third of the amounts expended in the United States by her debtors after she entered the war was spent for munitions and armaments.

In reaching the settlements with their debtors, the United States Government combined the loans made during the war and after the Armistice, including commercial credit, and funded all in the debt agreements.

As a different practice prevailed in Europe, the figures cited in the British Note are not strictly comparable.

OVER-EMPHASIS.

The British Note also seemed to over-emphasize the influence which the war debt payments may have had in the past on world economy. With the various observations and figures presented by the British Government in that regard, the American Government is not in accord, but does not desire to enter into a detailed discussion in view of the larger immediate issues.

In general, it is their view that the causes of depression lay in much more potent forces than these debt transactions and that in the total of receipts and outgo arising from the international transactions of the debtor countries and the United States, the debt payments had been a relatively minor item.

GOLD "CORNER."

The argument that the payment of these debts had drained the



WAR DEBTS AND WORLD CRISIS.—Our pictures convey an impression of the consequences of the world trade crisis. (1) London's bread line. (2) Communism in Hyde Park (3) Feeding homeless in New York (4) Rhode Island riots (5) Relief centres in Berlin (6) Lining up at Berlin soup kitchens (7) Rioters in Valencia.

INVOICE OFFICE MYSTERY

MR. Y. H. WEN NOW IN SHANGHAI

CANTON STORY OF ABOLITION

No information has reached the Chinese Invoice Office in Hongkong regarding a report from the Central Press Agency, a semi-official bureau in Canton, to the effect that the Nanking Government is contemplating the abolition of the Office, which was only opened eight days ago.

According to the Canton report, there is strong opposition by the merchants and trade guilds in Canton to the continuance of the office, on the ground that the consular invoices mean an additional levy to the Customs tariff and that it is raising the price of staple foods, much of which has to be imported.

When a Telegraph representative called at the Invoice Office this morning, he was informed that Mr. Y. H. Wen, the Invoice Officer, is now in Shanghai, being en route to Nanking to report on the working of the Office to the Government.

CANTON VISIT.

The acting Invoice Officer, it was further stated, had just returned from Canton where he had been discussing with merchants the question of charges.

The officer temporarily in charge of the Office, asked if he had seen the Canton report, said:—"No information has been received by us on the matter. I do not see how this office can be abolished without official notification to the Hongkong and British Governments, which have given us power to function in the Colony."

INDIAN PARLEY SUSPENDED

WILL BE RESUMED LATER

London, Dec. 8.

After concluding its general discussion on Federal finance, the Indian Round Table Conference today adjourned.

A date for resuming is to be fixed later, in accordance with the progress of the various committees.—British Wireless.

STOP PRESS

London, Dec. 9.
French opinion is seemingly veering towards the payment of the U.S. Debt, but the decision is dependent on Monday's debate in the Assembly.

British opinion generally welcomes the friendly tone of the U.S. Reply though it is recognised that unless Mr. Roosevelt agrees to cooperate with President Hoover, very little effective work is possible before March.

The Times regards the Note as significant for what it accepts and says the offer to negotiate is an important contribution.

The Morning Post remarks that if the Note represents America's considered attitude, a reasonable settlement of the debt question is disappointingly remote.

The Daily Telegraph says Britain will pay, but not again on these terms.

The Daily Herald says the Note contains strong hope for revision. The News-Chronicle remarks that the whole controversy has narrowed down to the necessity of convincing Congress of the need for war debt revision with the least loss to all countries concerned.

The Daily Express still urges default.—Reuter.

"RUM-BOAT" SEIZURE

CANADIAN PROTEST TO WASHINGTON

(Our Own Correspondent.)

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London, Dec. 9.
A vigorous protest against the boarding or seizure of British steamers, alleged to be rum-running, which are one hour's steaming from the American coast, has been lodged with Mr. H. L. Stimson by the Canadian Minister in Washington.

The protest is the outcome of a case now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, in which the validity is contested of the seizure of the Canadian vessel, Mazeltow, in 1930.

It is claimed by the Canadian Government that the Mazeltow was eleven and a half miles off the coast of Massachusetts when she was stopped by American Prohibition officers and taken into an American port and seized.

Canada hints that in the event of an unsatisfactory reply, she will withdraw her co-operation in America's prohibition measures, which "have almost eliminated smuggling along the United States coast."

FIRST HALF GOALS

INTER-VARSITY SOCCER

CAMBRIDGE WIN COMFORTABLY

London, Dec. 8.

Cambridge University defeated Oxford University by three goals to one in the annual association football match at Stamford Bridge to-day.

All the goals were obtained in the first half. Moxon went through to score for the Light Blues when the game was a few minutes old.

Moss equalised for Oxford in a swift rally, but the Cambridge half-backs afterwards gained a grip on the game and Oxford were kept well in hand.

A series of bright passing movements culminated in Cooper giving Cambridge the lead and before the interval, the same player scored a snap goal which, with Cambridge definitely on top, practically settled the result.

Bright play was witnessed in the early stages of the second half, but Oxford's strenuous efforts failed to make any impression on the steady Cambridge defence, and interest gradually faded. The Light Blues on several occasions came close to increasing their lead.—Reuter.

M. 2 OPERATIONS NOT TO CONTINUE

In announcing the final abandonment of the M.2 salvage operations, the Lords of the Admiralty pay a tribute to the skill and courage of the divers and others, and say the experience gained fully justified the operations.—British Wireless.

HAPPY VALLEY EXPLOSION

ELECTRIC WORKER INJURED: PART OF ROAD TORN UP: GAS MYSTERY

An extraordinary explosion occurred this morning outside the Craigprower Cricket Club as the result of which an employee of the Hongkong Electric Company received burns about the face.

The cause of the explosion is difficult to explain, but it appears that workmen of the H. E. C. were engaged in inspection of a transformer near the Club, when for some unknown reason, a blast in the gas-main

ULTIMATUM TO PERSIA

PREREMPTORY BRITISH NOTE SENT

A WEEK'S GRACE

London, Dec. 8.

A preremptory Note has been handed to the Persian Government by the British Minister demanding the withdrawal of the cancellation of the D'Arcy Concession.

It is officially stated that the British Note declares that unless Persia withdraws the cancellation of the Anglo-Persian Oil Company's rights by December 16, the British Government will refer the matter to the Hague Court as a matter of urgency.

The Hague Court, the Note adds, will be requested to indicate the provisional measures which may be taken to preserve British oil rights in Persia.—Reuter.

WITHDRAWAL DEMAND.

In the House of Commons, Captain Eden read the text of the Note, which was handed to the Persian Foreign Minister on December 2nd and which described the Persian Government's action as an inadmissible breach of the terms of the concession.

The Note stated that the British Government took a most serious view of the Persian Government's conduct, and demanded the immediate withdrawal of the notification issued to the Company. The hope was expressed that the Persian Government would be at pains to reach an amicable settlement in direct negotiation with the Company, but the British Government would, if the necessity arose, take all legitimate measures to protect their just and indisputable interests.

The Note added that the British Government would not tolerate any damage to the Company's interest or any interference with their (Continued on Page 7.)

JAPAN'S LATEST DRIVE

OPERATIONS NEAR KIRIN

Harbin, Dec. 9.

Following their successful expedition along the western section of the Chinese Eastern Railway, the Japanese are now diverting their attention to the area north-east of

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THE WORLD OF WOMEN



Tailored for morning, dressy for afternoon or sporty for runabout wear, the winter suits have one appealing thing in common, the beauty of the woollens from which they are made. (Left) Collegiate and very youthful is the spongy worsted suit in beige, with leopard skin cuffs, collar, belt and hat to give it a jaunty note. (Centre) Very ladylike and flattering is the dull-surfaced suit in the new dark grey, with its pleated skirt and split peplum jacket. There is a choker of galyak to top it. (Right) Very smart for daytime wear is a brown diagonal woollen suit with beaver trimming its short jacket and fashioning a muff.

YOUR CHILDREN.

Child Training Runs into Revolt.

It is no wonder that parents become confused over the various changes in child training—the constantly shifting picture that presents a new view each year, it seems.

And yet though the picture changes, each reel brings us a new nearer to the real truth. I don't believe it is anything to be discouraged about.

The revolution of child rearing came about as most revolutions do, through extremes at first. Not only did a great many parents misunderstand such terms as "self expression" and "liberty," but many psychologists and students of child welfare themselves made certain statements they since have been compelled to modify.

All this preface is to prepare for something I wish to warn the student parent about.

Every great movement, even a revolution, after its first enthusiasm and glamour has worn off is bound to have a reaction. And I, who keep my ear close to the ground, am hearing the discontented murmur of malcontents.

Parents Are Complaining

It is not uncommon today to hear people say impatiently, "The psychologists are a lot of modellers who have done more harm than good. The old ways were the best ways. It is good for a child to have fear. It is good for him to be whipped."

I spoke of this to a well known doctor one day recently, a specialist on nervous diseases, called by his colleagues as "The Chief" because he leads them all. He is intensely interested in children, and has worked among them all over the country.

"Don't worry," he said in his genial way. "It is to be expected. This matter of educating adults in regard to understanding child na-

TO-DAY'S RECIPES.

Orange Dainties.

Orange Creams.—Serve these in half orange shells. Make a custard with an egg and a gill of milk. When cold add a gill of whipped cream and some powdered sugar. Stir in the juice of four large oranges and also a quarter ounce of gelatine dissolved in water. Stir until the cream begins to set, then pour it into the orange shells. Decorate with chopped pistachio nuts.

Baked Orange Roly-Poly.—Make and roll out a light, short crust pastry, and spread plentifully with peeled and sliced oranges. Sprinkle generously with sugar and a teaspoonful of grated orange rind. Roll up and bake in a moderate oven.

ture, child thoughts, motives and so on will take generations to perfect.

"In fact," he said, "the most encouraging part of it is the slowness with which it has taken hold. These various periods of protest we go through are encouraging also. It shows that parents are taking the subject seriously—not as a fad, and are really vitally interested.

"If they differ from new methods now and then that in itself is not serious either, as long as they are thinking."

The latest revolt seems to be about discipline. It appears that the returns of the "liberty" experiment are coming in, and many children of the method have not produced results. I think myself there have been some very bad results and that many children so handled have become selfish little nuisances.

But I do not blame the system. I lay the blame to the door of certain misunderstandings on the part of parents who mistook "liberty" for "license" and left the words "must" and "obey" completely out of the picture.—OLIVE ROBERTS

BEAUTY HINTS.

Coiffures for Dignity Or Chic.

Winter coiffures for white hair this year can be divided into two classes: the dignified, smart ones and the original chic ones for unusual women.

Both kinds emphasize that "well groomed look" that is indispensable to any white-haired woman's chic.

First and foremost, white haired women must keep their locks in place, with no straggling curls or wisps. When you have white hair, the greatest care you ever have taken of your appearance is in order.

Immaculate grooming is what gives you distinction. And this applies, first of all to your hair. White hair that is out of place looks ten times worse and more careless than other hair.

There are some grand coiffures this winter for the white haired woman. In the first category of those that are dignified and smart comes one that allows for a few little short bangs that are worn waved into soft half curls, pointing to the left temple.

The hair itself is divided on the left side and has loose, soft waves and the ends are turned under, not curled up. In the back the hair is cut so that the turned under ends follow the natural hairline, and these back waves must be pinned in place so they will hold.

A second coiffure, in this same category, waves the hair in broken surfaces and swirls and has its ends turned up, in curls. There are a few little curls at the left temple, where the part goes. The back has a double deck of curls. This is very becoming to women with young faces.

For the distinguished white-haired coiffures, one extreme even-

MAKING YOUR BEAUTY CREAM.

Have you ever tried making your own beauty cream? Here is a good recipe for a cream that is quite simple to make.

Stand a clean jar in a vessel of warm water over very gentle heat. Pour the whites of two eggs into the jar. Stir evenly and dissolve in the egg-whites three drams of powdered alum, taking care to avoid making the egg albumen lumpy. Continue stirring carefully until the liquid part of the egg disappears. Allow to become quite cold, and then stir in one dram of boric acid, 40 drops each of tincture of benzoin and best olive oil, and five drops of perfume of acacia. To give the cream consistency stir in sufficient rice flour. Finally perfume the cream with rose or other choice perfume, and it is ready for use.

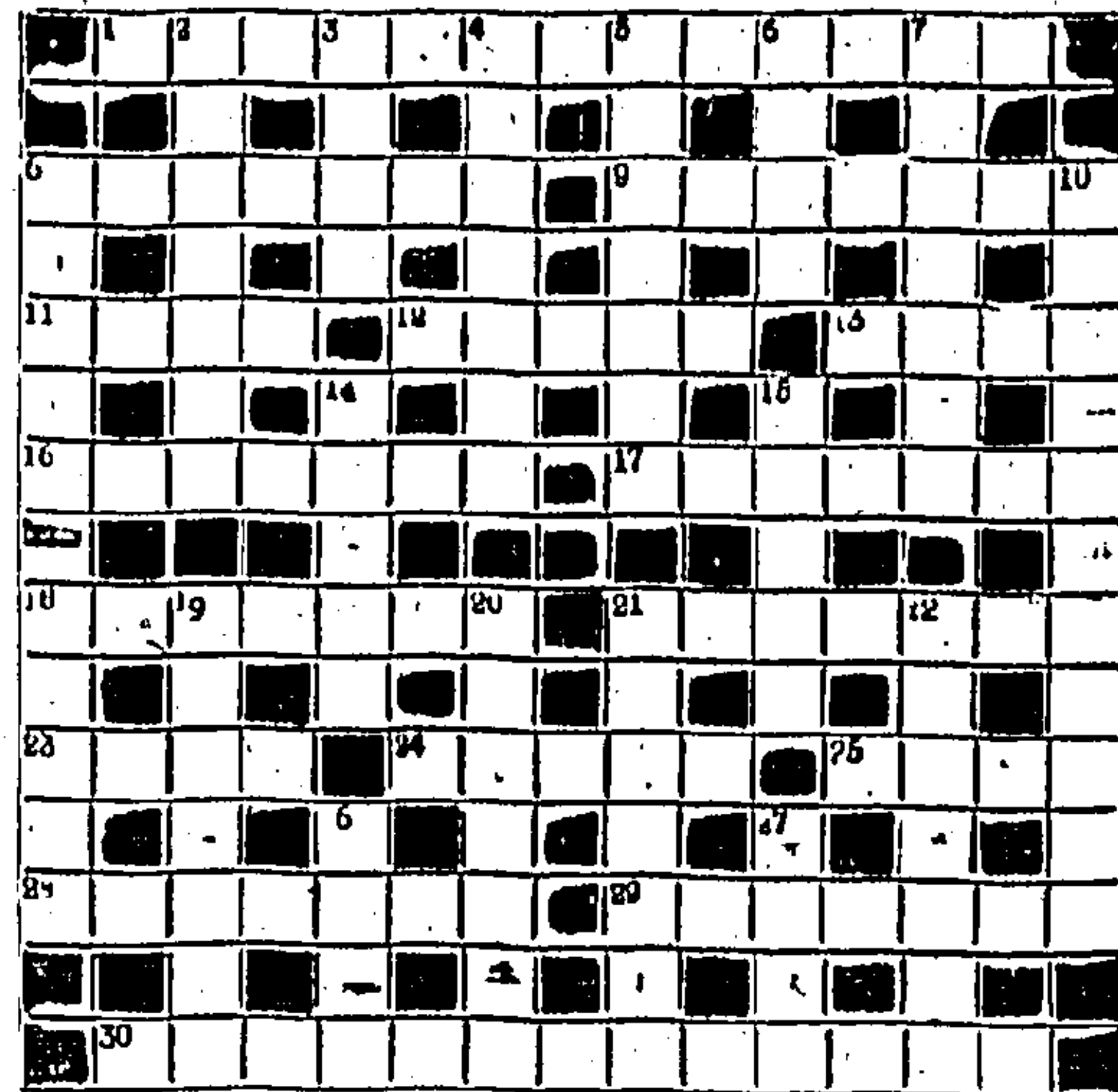
NOVEL CIGARETTE CASES.

The favourite cedar wood cigarette cases have been decorated in many ways, but one of the most attractive ways, of ornamenting them has but recently been evolved. Small peacocks and other birds worked in diamante, with tiny coloured eyes, are placed in the front of the cases, and give them a distinctly gay appearance.

ing type has a halo of soft, white curls standing up like a tiara and then the rest of the head waved and the hair drawn back into a loose knot low on the neck.

A second excellent coiffure for a very slender, chic white-haired woman lifts the hair off half the ear, with just two little curls on each temple, parts it very near the centre and has turned under ends in the back.—ALICIA HART.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



Across
1 "Rag mule native" and make him answer back (anag.).
8 Though not cultured you will find him pleasant for the most part.
9 "Wide open spaces."
11 Pigs do; its essential nature.
12 Spite which affects one in a peculiar fashion.
13 The darky who didn't stop at wanting to be back "on de old plantation."
16 Take a deep breath for—
17 There are no words for it.
18 There's deep water here, and evil in it.
21 Should you introduce it to your kitchen garden? There's a lot to be taken into account.
23 The sun is high in the 29 and there's practically no one here.
24 Masculine name.
25 There was an old woman comes after this in many a fairy tale.
28 Dog.
29 Is this the "thing the Lord God made . . . to trace the stars and search the— for power?" (The Man with the Hoe?)
30 Through it an opportunity may be met.

8 I am inside with fifty more, but parents are kept outside in the gasworks.
10 Circle, for example.
14 You really must put a bone up for our little feathered friends. Do it now, there's no necessity to wait for frosty weather.
15 He's in a mechanical contrivance somewhere in Surrey.
19 Faithful to its own spots.
20 Such landscapes cannot be seen at 23.
21 It's not by his this behended that the schoolboy gets them.
22 Throws a powerful light by magic.
26 In the centre for those who make use of their knowledge well.
27 What the young man says he puts most of it round the girl to keep her.

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HARROWING CASE OF TWO WOMEN DESCRIBED

The sordid story of two Chinese women who fell into the clutches of "white-slave" traffickers was unfolded to Mr. Grantham yesterday afternoon, when Yu Sin-cho, a former soldier in the Cantonese army, and Un Chi, a middle-aged woman, were charged with enticing, detaining and procuring the women for the purposes of prostitution.

At the age of 32, it was disclosed, Man Kwong-yung, spinster, turned to thoughts of matrimony, and when Yu Sin-cho, well-known to her, approached with an offer of work and a husband at Canton, she, with her widowed elder sister, likewise bent, accompanied him and the woman Un Chi to Fatsan.

There, instead of work or the husbands they were led to expect, they found themselves coerced into following an undesirable calling.

Some time towards the latter part of last month, the elder sister escaped, and returned to Hongkong, and she brought news which led to an exchange of information between the Police of the two cities.

A lightning raid was carried out on a brothel at Fatsan, and the rescue of the other woman resulted, followed by the arrest of the accused.

Both defendants were convicted, and sentenced to the maximum penalty of a year's hard labour.

MILFORDHAVEN

MARQUESS PLACED ON NAVY RETIRED LIST

London, Dec. 8. The Admiralty announces that Commander the Marquess of Milfordhaven has been placed on the retired list, at his request. He is a second cousin of the King and is 40 years of age. He served with distinction at the battles of Heligo and Dogger Bank, and Jutland.—British Wireless.

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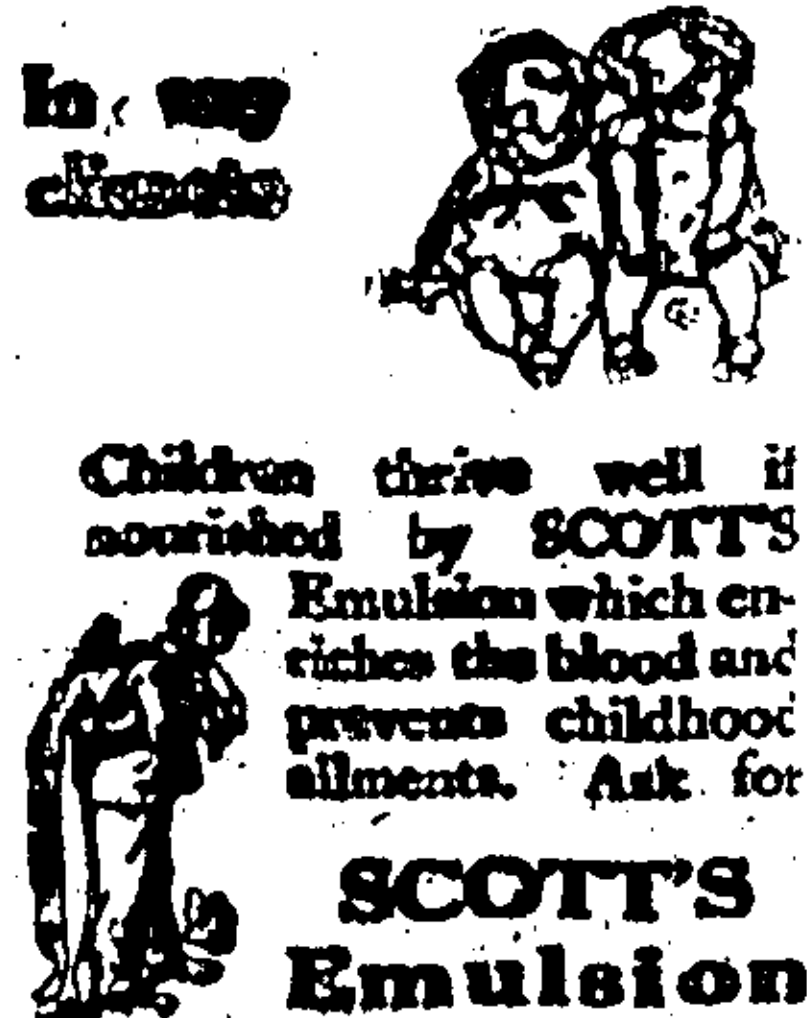


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CHAPTER XLIII.

Asper went to Dona's room that night to make sure she was resting well. He meant to be off for Pass Creek long before sun-up next morning. Dudley was sitting attentively beside her. Asper stayed a half hour and when he got up to go nodded for Dudley to follow him.

"I'll have to ride out tomorrow morning on an important matter," he spoke gravely. "Don't mention it to Dona and stay with her. See that she is moved out on the porch and made comfortable."

Dudley smiled and slapped Asper on the arm. "I'll take care of Dona. You better be careful of yourself and get back on time." Dudley could not help adding this bit of advice.

Asper turned to his room. He went inside and got out his old revolver. He had decided not to take any men with him. They would be in the way in case he wanted to scout around quietly.

Asper Dejo had suddenly decided that he was on the track of all of his troubles. Stan Ball had convinced him that there was a reason for all this trouble beyond a feud between them, and Asper was a man who liked to get at the bottom of things.

The next morning he was up and had dressed before dawn. He left the building without making a sound. Down at the corral all was quiet and he was able to saddle a horse without disturbing anyone.

The cold morning air struck him in the face as he headed toward the Pass Creek trail. Asper smiled grimly as he thought of

Ball. This time he would be as wary as an old fox. There would be no waylaying along the trail. If Ball was just drawing him on, the gunman would be fooled.

For several miles he followed the beaten trail, then as grey dawn began to light the woods he took to cover and moved carefully from one patch of timber to another. He rode with eyes and ears alert and kept his heavy gun ready for instant action.

Asper's route took him high along the side of the mountain and brought him out above the low saddle of the divide that separated Pass Creek from Three Rivers. On a rocky point overlooking the valley he was about to explore. Asper halted and began to make a general survey of the canyon below. A light breeze was fanning up through the stunted spruce as he bent forward to listen. Distinctly through the dawn came the rumble of a truck motor. The old timber man listened.

"Ball was right," he muttered as he sent his horse toward the sound.

Asper rode down the steep slope at an angle. He had gone a hundred yards when his horse broke through a thick growth of scrub oak and walked into a beaten trail. Asper halted to look around carefully. The trail was higher up than would have been reasonable for a horse or pack road. Any builder of trails would have crossed the divide lower down in the saddle to avoid the climb around the mountain unless he wanted to hide his path. The old timber king bent and checked the black dust for

horse tracks. Someone had gone down over that trail the night before.

Asper pulled aside into the brush and sat thinking. He had made a very important discovery but he did not know that Dona had done the same thing several days before. He was mulling over the significance of his find when a snapping twig warned him someone was coming. He peered through the wide oak leaves and waited, his gun ready.

Below him a black horse appeared on the trail. Asper could see a cowboy hat bent low to avoid branches and limbs. The rider was approaching unsuspectingly. "Ball," Asper granted. "Walking right into my hands." He leveled his gun and waited.

The man came on at an easy trot. His horse evidently knew the twisting trail well. When the black was opposite him Asper pushed his horse into the clear and spoke sharply. "Put up your hands."

The rider jerked suddenly, then his hands rose slowly and his face was revealed. Asper's eyes widened. He was staring into the face of his timber boss.

"Swergin!" Asper exclaimed, but he did not lower his gun. "Put up that gun," Swergin growled.

Asper crowded close. "I'll take yours, first," he said grimly, then added, "Just to make sure." Swergin's face contorted into a scowl. "You sure got a nerve," he protested angrily.

Asper faced his foreman after relieving him of his gun. "Now explain the activity down in the canyon!" Swergin lowered his arms and

shifted his weight in the saddle. "What activity?" he asked. "You know what I mean. And while you're at it you might explain the black horse and the cowboy getup."

"I got myself dressed up this way to take Ball in," Swergin's manner was surly. "What is going on down in the canyon? You might as well spit it out. I'm going down there to see for myself." Asper was cold as steel. He was a timber boss again.

Swergin twisted farther around in his saddle and his lips parted in a beefy smile. Asper caught a glint in the man's eyes that warned him of trouble but he was not quick enough to meet it. A rifle barrel jammed into the small of his back and he knew he had made a mistake. Swergin had friends with him.

"Don't make a move," a voice from behind ordered.

Inwardly berating himself, Asper sat still while Swergin recovered his gun and took Asper's gun away from him. Swergin was leering triumphantly now.

"Get a rope and tie his hands in front of him," he ordered.

The man who had shoved the rifle into Asper's back rode around in front and dismounted. Swergin covered his employer with his six-gun while the man proceeded to tie Asper fast to his own saddle horn.

"You can't get away with this stuff," Asper growled.

"If you'd have kept your nose out of Pass Creek for another day you would have saved yourself a lot of trouble," Swergin said as he

tested the rope that held his boss. "You are as low as they come, Swergin!" Asper fumed. "Send him on ahead." The timber boss paid no attention to Asper's wrath.

The three riders trailed slowly through the timber and finally left the trail where it crossed the ridge.

Finally they halted before the cabin where Stan had been held prisoner. Asper noted grimly that he had not checked his country very well. The evidence of the cabin had been unknown to him.

Swergin forced him to dismount and made him enter the log shack. With a rope, he tied Asper to the same wall he had tied Stan to.

"You better reconsider this," Asper shouted angrily.

"We'll tell you what we aim to do, later," Swergin answered as he strode away.

Asper could hear him giving his man orders. "Ride back down and tell the boys to clean up the last of the timber and head out with it."

A few minutes later Swergin returned. He sat down on a sawed stump and began pulling off his cowboy togs. As quickly as he had undressed he dressed again in lumberman's togs which were hanging on the log wall.

"Can't you let an old man sit down?" Asper demanded. Swergin kicked the stump he had used as a chair toward his former boss. "Squat on that and take it easy while you can," he sneered. (To be continued.)

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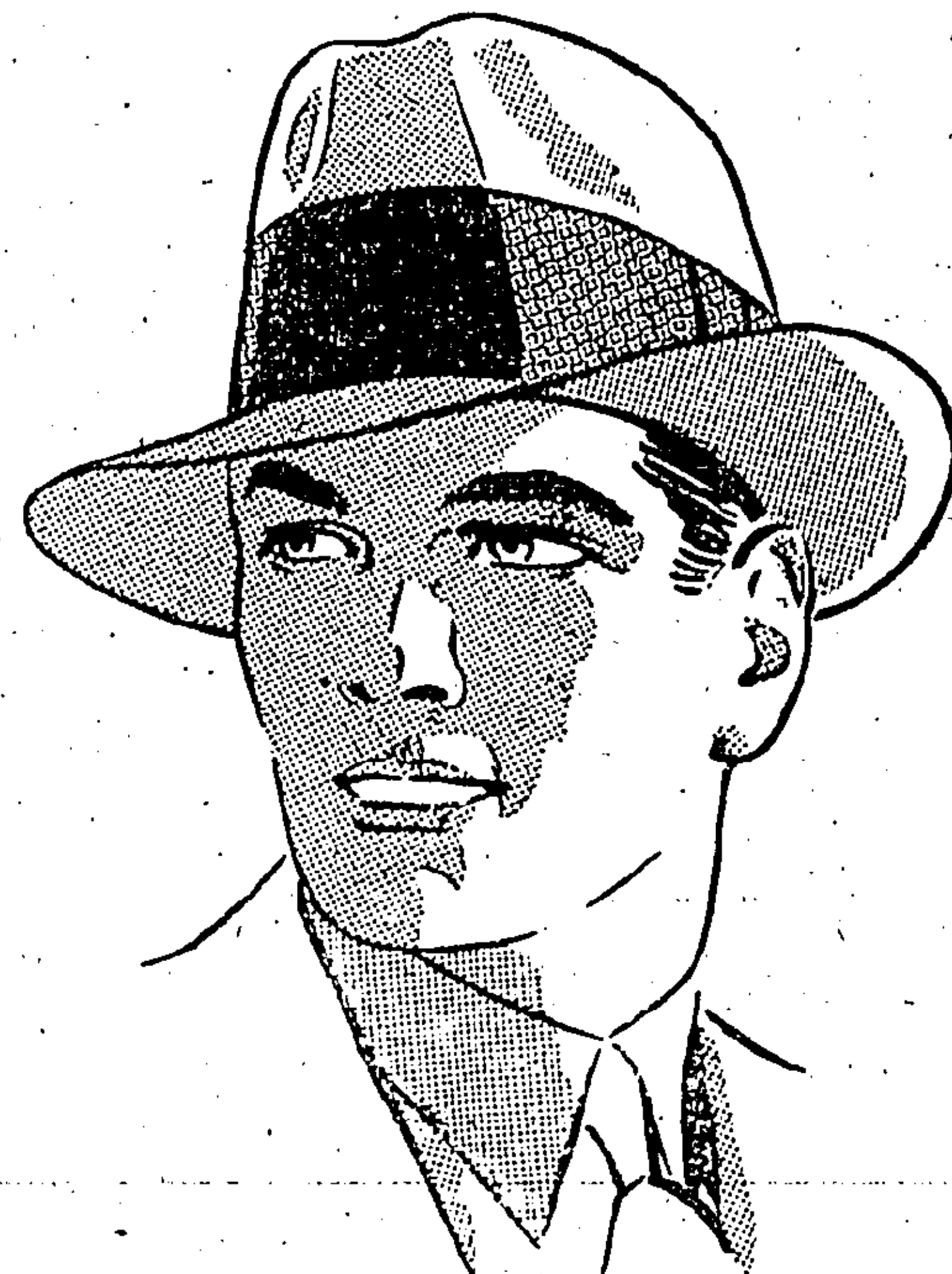
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An annual job of Washington firemen, washing away the dust on the Capitol.



For their discovery of functions of the nervous system, Prof. Edgar Douglas Adrian, above, of Cambridge, and Sir Charles Sherrington of Oxford have been awarded the Nobel prize for medicine and physics for 1932.



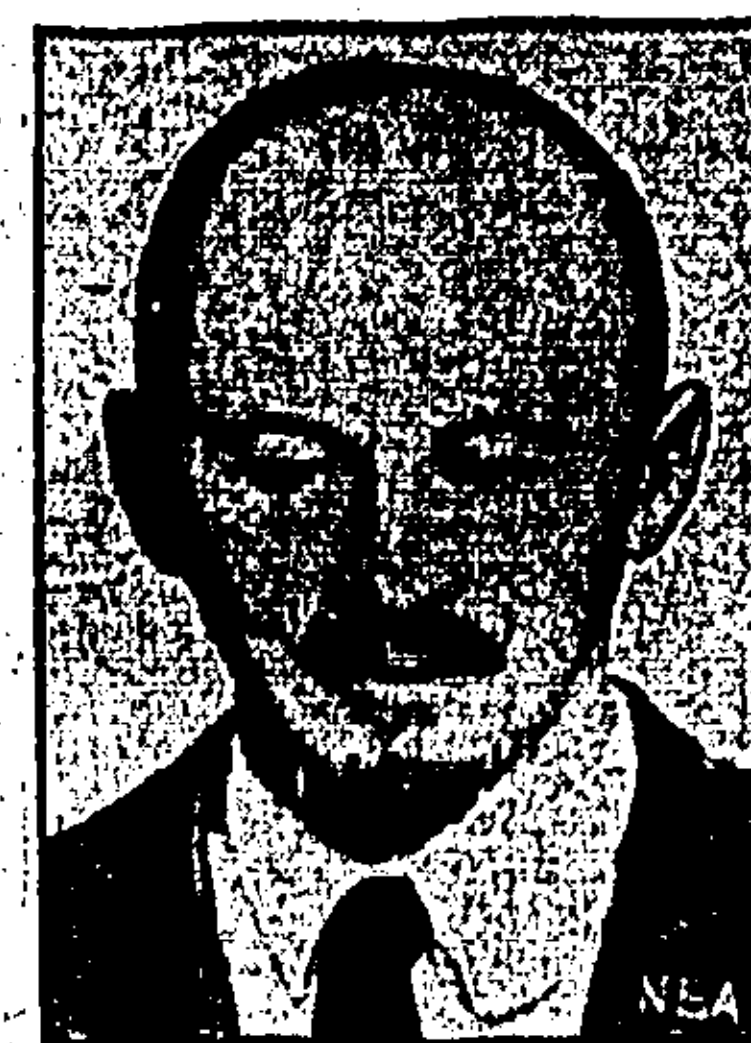
Contingents of soldier-farmers, wearing the imperial uniform, are shown above leaving Japan for Manchukuo, where they will establish homes. They are trained in defence against raids of bandits. Here is one contingent of colonists bidding farewell to their families at the Tokyo station.



When thousands of hunger marchers advanced on Hyde Park, they were joined by mobs from the slum districts of London who stoned and attacked a police guard near the Marble Arch. Bitter fighting followed in which 77 were injured, including a score of police. This picture shows mounted and foot police in action.



M. Josef Avenol, above, appointed secretary general of the League of Nations to succeed Sir Eric Drummond. Avenol is an authority on international finance.



Russia's campaign to remove leaders who oppose Stalin has reached Nicholas Bukharin, above. He has been placed under guard and probably will be exiled.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 12th day of December, 1932, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at the Wong Nei Chung Gap—Repulse Bay Road in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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THE TENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Head Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, 23rd December, 1932, at 12 o'clock, Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th June, 1932, and electing Directors and Auditors.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th December, 1932.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of Green Island Cement Company, Limited, held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 17th day of August, 1932, a Call of \$2.75 per share was made upon all the members holding shares, whose names appear in the Company's register of shareholders on the 17th day of August, 1932, upon which only \$1.00 per share has been paid, and it was determined that such Call should be paid on the 31st day of December, 1932, to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Head Office, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, if received.

Upon presentation at the Office of the Company of Bankers' Receipt for the payment of such Call, together with the Certificate of Shares a note of the payment will be endorsed on the Certificate. Dated this 17th day of August, 1932.

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21 YEARS AGO.

Extracts From the "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended Dec. 9th 1911.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10½d.

The Hongkong and China Gas Co. announced that the price of gas would be reduced to \$2.60 per thousand cubic feet.

The construction of a new Peak thoroughfare linking Chamberlain

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

Numerous Pictures To-morrow

To-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Pictorial Supplement will again contain a varied selection of topical pictures, amongst which will be snapshots taken at the last Race Meeting, together with a group of Jardine jockeys; the water polo team of the R.A.M.C.; and the Hongkong and Canton police soccer teams.

Several Defence Corps pictures will be given, including a group of the Mounted Infantry and snapshots taken in camp.

Lady Peel will be shown presenting awards at the Fire Brigade display, whilst groups taken at the opening of the New Territories agricultural show and at the dance given aboard H.M.S. Medway will also appear, as well as another of those University annual reunion dinner dances.

Road and Plantation Road was commenced.

Dr. F. O. Stedman was appointed Secretary of the Medical Board for a period of three years.

The Hon. Mr. Alabaster, in introducing an amendment in the law relating to jury service, told the Legislative Council that editors of newspapers and their staffs would be exempted. "That," he said, amidst laughter, "includes compositors and printers' devils."

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Air Reduction	\$55½	\$55½	
Allied Chemical & Dye	78½	77½	
Amer. Can.	52½	50½	
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	105½	103½	
Amer. Tob. "B"	69	59½	
Anacosta Copper			
Mining	8½	8	
Auburn	45½	45½	
Borden Co.	24½	25	
Canadian Pacific	13	12½	
Chrysler Motors	10½	10½	
Consolidated Gas of New York	57	57½	
Drugs, Inc.	33½	33½	
Du Pont de Nemours	37	35½	
Eastman Kodak	51½	52½	
Electric Bond & Share	18½	19	
General Electric	15½	15½	
General Foods	23½	23½	
General Motors	13½	13½	
Gillette Safety	17½	17½	
Internat. Harvester	21½	22½	
Internat. Tel. & Tel.	7½	7½	
Liggett & Myers	53½	53½	
Loew's Inc.	23½	22½	
Montgomery Ward	13½	13½	
National Biscuit	39½	39	
Pacific Gas & Electric	29	28½	
Pennsylvania Rail.	13½	13½	
Radio Corp.	5½	5½	
Sears Roebuck	20	20½	
Stand. Oil Co. of New Jersey	31½	30½	
Socony Vacuum Corp.	8	8	
Union Carbide & Carbon	24	24½	
Union Pacific	69	69½	
United States Steel	32½	32½	
Westinghouse E. & M.	26½	27½	

SUGAR MARKET

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pen-trenth and Co.

London Terminals.
March 1933 6/6½ down 1½d.
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August 1933 6/8½ down 1½d.
December 1933 6/2½ down 1½d.
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New York Terminals.
March 1933 79 up 1 pt.
May 1933 84 up 1 pt.
July 1933 80 up 2 pts.
September 1933 84 up 1 pt.
Cuban 96°—Spot N.Y. 89 up 7 pts.
London (8/12/32)—Can probably buy Tates Granulated, December/January shipment, at 7/6½ per cwt. C. and F. India.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	December 9.
Europe via Nipponkai (Papers only) London, 10th November and		
Parcels, 3rd November	Patroclus	December 10.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sunning	December 10.
Japan	Kaga Maru	December 10.
Japan and Shanghai	Tatsuta Maru	December 10.
Shanghai and Amoy	Tai Yuan	December 11.
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	December 11.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, 18th November)	Dakar Maru	December 11.
Australia and Manila	Pres. Lincoln	December 12.
	Changto	December 13.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong So	Fri., Dec. 9, 4 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Dec. 9, 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
*Manila	Pres. Pierce	Fri., Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and	Pres. Taft	Fri., Dec. 9.
*Europe via Victoria B.C., and	Parcela	Dec. 9, 3 p.m.
*Europe via Siberia	Reg.	Dec. 9, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
	(Duo Victoria B.C.: 27th Dec.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Haruna Maru	Fri., Dec. 9.
K.P.O.	(Duo Marseilles, 7th Jan. 1933).	
Registration	Registration	10th 9 a.m.
Letters	Letters	10th 10.30 a.m.
		Saturday.
*Straits, and *Europe via Marseilles	Bhutan	Sat., Dec. 10.
Marseilles	(Duo Marseilles, 11th January 1933).	
K.P.O.	G.P.O.	
Parcels	Parcels	9th 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Registration	10th 9 a.m.
Letters	Letters	10th 10.30 a.m.
Saigon	Protetus	Sat., Dec. 10, 12.30 p.m.
*Straits and *Calcutta	Sirihana	Sat., Dec. 10.
Parcels	Letters	10th 12.30 p.m.
Australia (except places North of Brisbane) and New Zealand via	Conte Rosso	Sat., Dec. 10.
Singapore and Brisbane	(Duo Brisbane, 3rd January, 1933).	
(To connect with the s.s. Niouw Zealand at Singapore, leaving Singapore, 10th December)	Registration	10th 3.45 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East, and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi	Conte Rosso	Sat., Dec. 10.
K.P.O.	(Duo Brindisi, 1st January, 1933).	
Reg.	Reg.	Dec. 10, 3 p.m.
Letters	Letters	Dec. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
		Sunday.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., Dec. 11, 9 a.m.
		Monday.
Swatow	Hydrangen	Mon., Dec. 12, 3 p.m.
Bangkok	Chungking	Mon., Dec. 12, 8.30 p.m.

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EVER since Ralph Lynn made his bow to Hongkong in *Bookery Nook*, he and his merry Aldwych cast have raised as many laughs on the screen as they have on the London stage, and while their popularity is at its zenith, two more British Dominion films have come. *Mischief*, now at the King's, is to be followed on Sunday by the Central exhibition of *A Night Like This*, in both of which, Lynn and his sweet aid to mirth and romance, Winifred Shutter, gain further plaudits. *A Night Like This* has not yet been previewed, but an early glimpse of *Mischief* reveals it as a light frothy thing, as entertaining as any of the many the studio has



THE monocled Ralph Lynn, heads the cast of "Mischief" and "A Night Like This," due at the King's and Central.

turned out.

There was a time a while back when, as is the fate of most players, Lynn's fooleries and inanities were looking to pall. His silly-ass monocled Englishman is perhaps the most over-worked humourist to be worked on the stage or screen, with the consequent contempt bred of familiarity, but, even although *Mischief* is nothing but the same tale of complications, hilarious situations and old business, it strikes a new and refreshing note. Maybe this is because a quantity of different material has flowed through our cinema house since Lynn's last, but I am more inclined to attribute it to the speedier direction that has made the film more like cinema than a photographed stage play.

Jack Raymond, who held the megaphone for *Life Goes On*, is coming out as England's best producer of this kind of stuff. Light comedy cannot be too swift in its tempo or the situations are spoiled, nor too slow or the triteness is magnified, and Raymond has compromised to make entertainment and maintain interest. Not that there is one new piece of technique in the whole film: Hollywood was doing the same dissolving shots in the silent days; but for the merry plot that it carries, *Mischief* has all that is necessary.

Catch phrases were the life of early talking pictures, and although it is possibly not by design, the vaguely articulated exclamation of the vocal boy (it sounds like "Gerchiva") promises to become even more popular than the "Oh Yeah" and "Cleatette me, Big boy" of the Hollywood. The rustics in the somewhat Kentish village, with their bucolic circumlocution, make

a deft touch, and it is a pleasing sight to see English scenario writers bringing in these typical English high spots. Topical references and subtle points such as these spell success just as much as the local jests of the variety stage. *Mischief* in plot is just as absurd as any other of Lynn's many, and needs no more than his personality, Winifred Shutter's sweet smile and Kenneth Kove's super-super stupid Englishman, to carry it off. Dialogue has but few high spots, but the situations more than compensate.

London seems to have taken a leaf out of Hollywood's book in making Winifred Shutter a star pre-eminent. She might be called the Garbo of Britain, not because of her resemblance to the Swedish star for she has none, but that she is the first woman to be really singled out from the ruck of players. And as a screen queen she is having the homage due her; her dresses are being specially chosen and designed, her hair is dressed in that "strand by strand" perfection and her good looks are never marred by poor photography.

The new Winifred Shutter makes her debut in *A Night Like This*, and a striking debut it is. In this one, Lynn is rejoined by his co-partner in crime, Tom Walls, who departs from precedent by playing a policeman. Actually he is reverting to type for he was a guard of the law before he became an actor. It is due at the Central on Sunday.



LUCIEN Muratore, tenor of the Paris opera, is the star of "The Unknown Singer," a French film due for release soon. Jim Gerald (with the cigar) provides the comedy of an entertaining film.

FARRELL-GAYNOR

Popular Pair Starred
in Neat Tale of
Newly-Weds

THE high priests of saccharine sentiment, Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor are with us again, and ardent admirers will pay due homage to "The First Year," to be released at the King's on Sunday.

In "The First Year" there is everything that has gone to send the wed to the very height of popularity, hugs, kisses and honey words, but where the theme strays from their other films is that they are married at the beginning, not the end of the film. Charles as the thoughtless husband and Janet as the inexperienced wife enter into new realms of histrionics, and aided by neat dialogue and situations, make the film something other than the usual sugary stuff.

"LETTY LYNTON"

Robert Montgomery &
Joan Crawford in
Queen's Film

CLARENCE Brown, eminently successful director of *Grain* and *Curbo* appears to have placed a restraining hand on Joan Crawford as Letty Lynton, star of the film of the same name due at the Queen's on Sunday. Her regular paroxysm of hysteria is much shorter and more convincing than usual.

Robert Montgomery does not have a very flamboyant part, but nevertheless lights up his scenes with exuberant radiance.

As usual this M.G.M. film is provided with splendid background and has moments of drama, quiet humour and excitement that more than compensate for the weakness of the hurriedly-contrived happy ending.



CHARLES Farrell and Janet Gaynor, who are in the playing of sugary roles, comes to the King's on Sunday in "The First Year." Instead of finishing with a wedding, the film begins with one, and shows the matrimonial trials of Charles, as the careless husband, and Janet as the new wife.

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CLEVER FRENCH
FILM

FOR RELEASE SOON

FILMS in Spanish and German have come to add variety to Hongkong's cinematic fare recently, and another foreign production, equally as entertaining is due for release soon.

"The Unknown Singer," by name, it was produced by the Osso Studios, with French dialogue and features the opera tenor Muratore.

Even without its superimposed subtitles of the main points of the dialogue, "The Unknown Singer" can be followed with facility, but the addition of the English words makes it so that even those with no higher knowledge of French than the "plum"

TO-DAY'S SHOWS

King's: "Mischief."
Queen's: "Bachelor Apartment."
Central: "Cohens and Kellys in Hollywood."
Majestic: "Woman of Experience."
Oriental: "The Great Adventure."
Star: "The Lady Refuses."
Taiping: "Radio Patrol."

ON SUNDAY.

Queen's: "Letty Lynton."
Central: "A Night Like This."
King's: "The First Year."
Star: "Leatherstocking."
Taiping: "White Hill of Pitts Palu."

do la mere" brand, can appreciate its many quips, delivered by an entirely new kind of comedian, Jim Gerald. Whether viewed from the lofty perch of the cinema student, looking for the new technique and camera angles for which foreign films are so famed, or from the lowly seat of the seeker after amusement, "The Unknown Singer" holds interest and entertainment. It has been produced to give Lucien Muratore, Paris opera tenor, a chance to raise his robust voice, but one of the many pleasing features. There is romance, drama and comedy in adequate proportions, and a plot based on the always interesting theme of the man with the lost memory.

Muratore is a fisherman in an isolated Russian village, with a blank memory of what happened before he was washed up by the sea 10 years before. An enterprising commercial traveller discovers his marvellous tenor, and features him over the radio in Paris as "The Unknown Singer." Eventually he is discovered to be a celebrated tenor, pushed overboard from an Atlantic liner by his false friend, who later marries the singer's wife. A simple little tale this, but interspersed with delightful touches, meritorious camera shots and a couple of plaintive melodies.

OVERSEAS critics have so raved about the technique of French films, that cinema students in Hongkong should not miss this opportunity of comparing the work with Germany's output, "Four Infantsmen." "The Unknown Singer" is more interesting than the German film and comparison with "Hay Que Cesar al Principe" is ignored, for although in Spanish, that was purely Hollywood in make-up.

But whether "The Unknown Singer" can be taken as an example of real French film production is doubtful, for it was made by Toujansky, a Russian emigre, and his early training must certainly have influenced his work, although most of it has been done in French studios. His silent films were "One Thousand and One Nights," "Michael Strogoff," and "Aiglon" while he also made "Volga," "Michael Strogoff," and "Aiglon" as a talkie. Toujansky evidently believes that after a good start, nothing much matters, for once he has sped the story on its way with a sequence of carefully set-up shots, artistic photography and imaginative technique, he practically lays down the megaphone and allows the obvious

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conclusion to be reached without further ingenuity. But that is perhaps his art, for it never appears that he is trying to be clever.

Toujansky's work is admirable and includes the excellent employment of close-ups, superimpositions and symbols.

NEW COMEDY NOTE.

Many an opera star pitchforked into a talking film has acted like Caravadosal facing the firing squad in B flat, but Muratore's playing is, in keeping with the polished artistry of the small cast. Jim Gerald is a refreshing type of comedian whose personality speaks all languages, and he has the French gesture finished to

a fine degree of showmanship. For the benefit of Australians, it would be well to state he is not Australia's Jim with his baggy trousers, but equally as enjoyable.

On the feminine side, Simone Gordon is the aristocrat with the fine clothes and pulchritude, and Simone Simon a pert little miss who aids Gerald in the comedy.

"The Unknown Singer" may have been produced with a lavish hand but it does not reek of it like many Hollywood spectacles, and there is a underlying strata of realism in the impressive opening among the Russian fisherfolk, in striking contrast to Hollywood's artificial insertion of "atmosphere."

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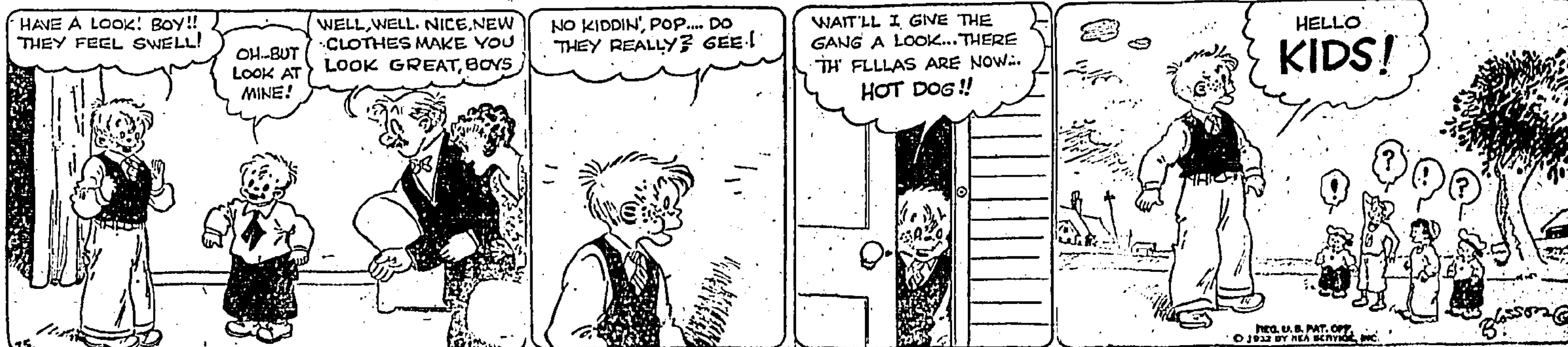
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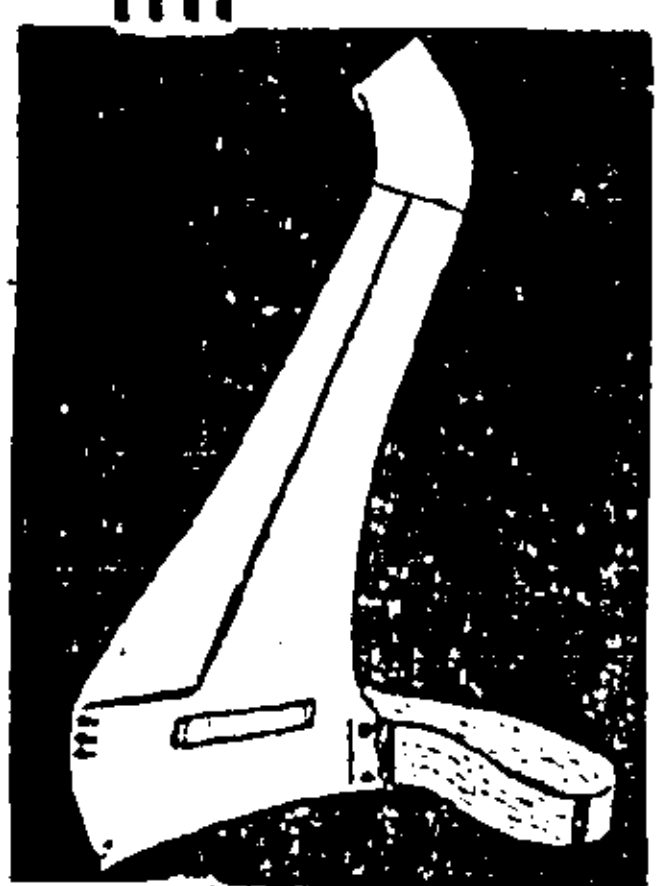
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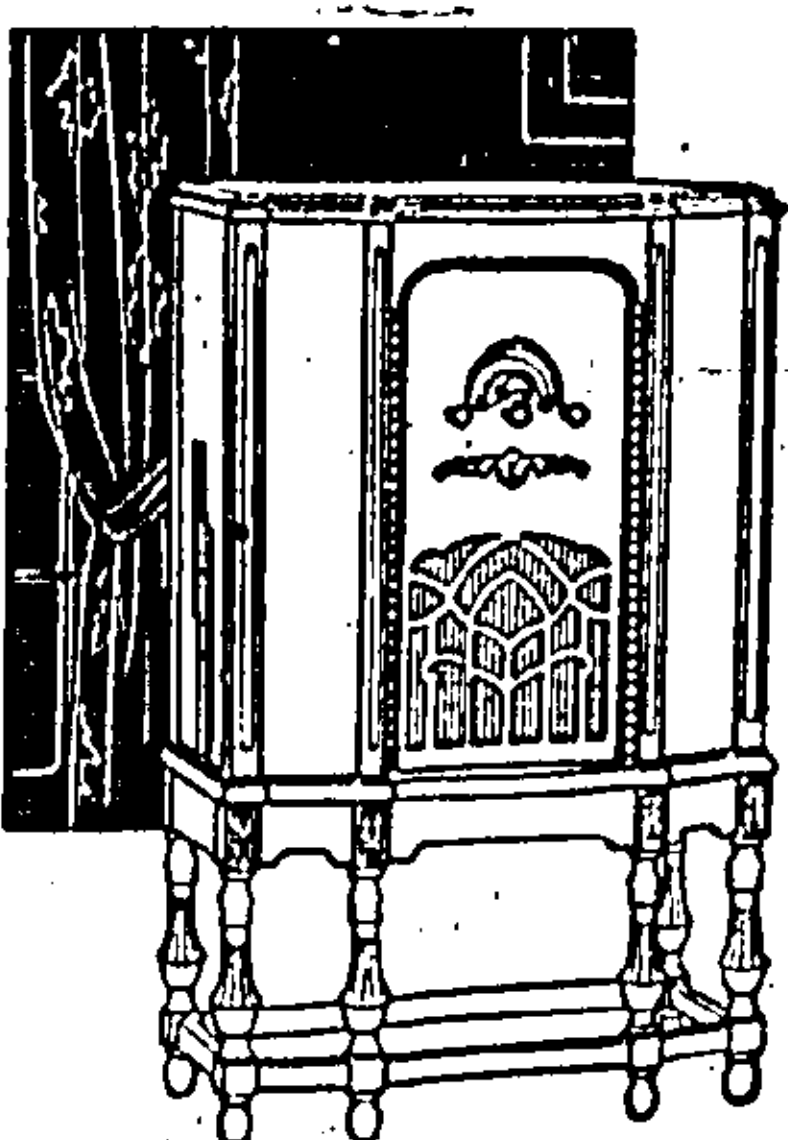
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THE LEAGUE AND
JAPAN

Whatever decision the League
Assembly may eventually reach
in regard to the Sino-Japanese
dispute, there is evidence that
Japan is not likely to get matters
all her own way. In Sir John
Simon's latest utterance, it is
possible to see a stronger British
attitude emerging—witness his
declaration that both sides must
make concessions. So far, Japan
has taken the stand that she has
done nothing wrong, and her
spokesmen have made it per-
fectly clear that she intends to
brook no outside interference.
Mr. Matsuo, in his speeches
before the Assembly, has not
deviated from that attitude.
His latest threat is indica-
tive of Japan's frame of mind.
The point thus arises as to what
Japan will say to the indica-
tion that she will be expected to
make concessions. There is a
further development of the ut-
most importance in the fore-
cast that the Assembly may pass
a resolution refusing to recognise
Manchukuo. If that happens, it
will obviously be a tacit condem-
nation of Japan's action in ac-
cording recognition. It will,
indeed, be more than that. It
will imply that Manchukuo is
what China says it is—a Japa-
nese-created puppet State. Sir
John Simon's remark that Le-
ague methods have not been em-
ployed in the dispute would also
appear to be directed against
Japan's actions, since from the
very beginning China has acted
in strict conformity with League
requirements. At the moment,
it is an open question whether
the Assembly will deem it wise
to declare that Japan's policy in
Manchuria has been an actual
infringement of the Covenant.
There may possibly be a disin-
clination to pass judgment, al-
though it is difficult to see how
this can be avoided, inasmuch
as China rests her case on that
allegation. The chief British
delegate says the Assembly must
defend the Covenant and see
that League methods are em-
ployed in the future. What is
the precise import of these
words? Do they mean that cer-
tain requirements will be postu-
lated and that the League will

insist on compliance therewith?
These are vital points which may
be answered in the next few
days. It may well be that the
stronger line now being taken
at Geneva is based on the hope
that Japan may be induced to
make some compromise and thus
render conciliatory measures
possible. As Dr. Benes, the
Czecho-Slovakian delegate, has
remarked, if friendly concilia-
tion fails, the League will have
to take decisions. "The Le-
ague," he says, "must have the
courage to act without reserve
and without hesitation, but with
firmness, justice and dignity;
the Assembly cannot afford to
act with equivocation where
questions of principle are in-
volved." This utterance reflects
the viewpoint of the small States
at Geneva, and it should assured-
ly also reflect the feelings of all
nations which have any regard
for the future of the League.
Momentous decisions have to be
made. They will be rendered
all the harder if, neither side
shows any disposition to com-
pose the situation by peaceful
methods. But it is abundantly
clear that if the League shows a
weak and timorous frame of
mind, the problem, so far from
being settled, will assume even
greater dimensions.

Portrait of a
Professor

Times change and so do pro-
fessors. Or—should it be said
—conceptions of professors do.
The fuss-budget species is on the
way to extinction along with the
dodo and the model T Ford, ac-
cording to one who should know.
The gentleman who makes this
not altogether startling declara-
tion is himself a professor. He
says to-day's type is as different
from the 1890 variety as is the
"Rumba" from "Waltz Me
Around Again, Willie." Like-
wise, the long-haired musician,
the windsor-tie poet and many
another example of that delusion
called temperament are seen to-
day most often through the eyes
of memory. Nowadays some
men of commerce look more as
artists are expected to look than
do the artists themselves. No
doubt this is for the best. Man-
kind does not differ so erratically
as appearances would sometimes
indicate, and too many an anti-
pathy has been sown by efforts
to impress a mistaken sense of
individuality upon others. Pro-
fessors certainly put in a very
different appearance in 1932
from that they presented in the
"mauve decade." In some re-
spects the difference may be an
improvement. What is really
changing and that our habits must
be amended accordingly. Life was
once a much shorter affair than it
is now. A young man was trained
to bear arms and suffer hardship
from earliest boyhood. By the
time he was eighteen he was a
mature warrior. By thirty he was
either killed in battle or was look-
ing forward to settling down and
eating and drinking himself to
death.

Film Morals.

Has the motion picture indus-
try, like Frankenstein, produced
a machine it cannot control? In
recent times there has been a
noticeable trend on the part of
many industries to take the pub-
lic frankly into their confidence,
indicating a desire to understand
the needs and wishes of custom-
ers and consumers. Can as much
be said of those who bear re-
sponsibility for the film industry?
The answer would seem to be
"No." Hollywood turns an un-
hearing ear to the protestations
of the many who, recognising the
potentialities of the screen for
good, plead only for the elimina-
tion of the offensive and im-
moral. To the indictment of
offending against the canons of
good taste must be added the
equally grave charge of want of
patriotism. Lord Irwin, former
Viceroy of India, has stated in
no equivocal terms that the in-
fluence of meretricious movies
has been one of the potent causes
of the disappearance of the
white man's prestige in that
country. And recently, the re-
lease of a picture, this time, it
is true, made in England, the
director and star of which, how-
ever, are American, has become
the occasion of strong protest in
Britain because it depicts British
army officers in a discreditable
light. From the viewpoint of
the spectator, whether European
or Asiatic, it matters little which
side of the Atlantic the charac-
ters portrayed to his credulous
vision may inhabit. Every pic-
ture which emphasises, with
nonchalant irresponsibility, in-
fidelity, crime and dishonesty as
though these were predominant
part and parcel of the social or-
der is fraught with menace to
civilization.

THE BEST AGE FOR
PARENTHOOD

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It is a somewhat humiliating
thought that the vast majority
of people quite unwittingly obey
natural laws which control their
destinies, while all the time they
are pluming themselves on acting
with perfect free will.

Earnest reformers study prob-
lems of eugenics and advocate com-
plicated and impossible plans for
the improvement of the human race,
and all the time old Dame Nature
quietly chuckles to herself and gets
on with her job of producing bigger
and better human beings. It is not
until Mother Nature has pursued
her wily machinations for quite a
number of years that the scientists
begin to tumble to her ways and to
make momentous announcements to
the effect that this and that are the
best and wisest things to do in the
future.

And Dame Nature laughs like
anything, because Mr. Smith and
Miss Brown have been doing those
very things for years past without
noticing it.

Take, for example, the subject of
marriage. For years the scientists
have been telling us to marry young
and have children as early as pos-
sible so that they shall have the
advantage of an upbringing by
youthful parents. And year after
year the tendency has been towards
later marriages. Pretty flappers
have been deliberately falling in
love with the man in the late
thirties or early forties, in pre-
ference to the callow youth of
twenty-five. The modern girl has
been condemned as mercenary, and
has been accused of lacking the
courage to face the hardship and
poverty that her mother
and grandmother cheerfully en-
dured during their early married
life, but she has gone serenely on
her way in spite of all the dreadful
warnings hurled at her head.

And until it began to be noticed
that these "later" marriages were
turning out extremely well, and that
children as a class were getting
bigger and healthier, and growing
bigger and cleverer than the chil-
dren of former generations, it did
not occur to the scientists that per-
haps the modern girl was a little
bit wiser than they.

Lengthened Lives.

Instead of exposing her tender
body to the hardships of maternity
and the drudgery of running a home
and caring for children before she
was out of her teens, she preferred
to wait till she was twenty-five or
so before choosing a man in sight
of forty as her husband who could
give her a measure of comfort and
consideration beyond the dreams of
youthful intolerance.

This change is not merely a
superficial matter of preferring
comfort to hardship. It is some-
thing that strikes deeper than that.
It is the instinctive answer of
Nature's hint that mankind is
changing and that our habits must
be amended accordingly. Life was
once a much shorter affair than it
is now. A young man was trained
to bear arms and suffer hardship
from earliest boyhood. By the
time he was eighteen he was a
mature warrior. By thirty he was
either killed in battle or was look-
ing forward to settling down and
eating and drinking himself to
death.

Even as recently as the days of
our grandparents a woman was a
matron when she was thirty and a
man of forty had resigned himself
to portly and slow-moving middle
age. Under such conditions youth-
ful marriages were almost impera-

tive, and thus it came about that if
a girl was not engaged by the time
she was twenty-three, she was look-
ed upon as an "old maid," while a
man of thirty who still evaded the
matrimonial net, was a confirmed
bachelor.

But recently we have changed all
that. We have discovered in
twenty years more about the art of
preserving youth than had previous-
ly been found out in two thousand
years. And in prolonging the
years of active life we have lost
the necessity for abnormally early
marriages. Now that the habit of
later marriage is definitely estab-
lished it is being realised that the
change is for the better in every
possible way.

Calm Parenthood.

Physiology tells us that the body
is not properly formed until the
age of twenty-four, and the brain
a few years later. To wed two un-
developed bodies and brains is ob-
viously asking for disaster. Tastes
and habits undergo drastic changes
during the latter part of the forma-
tive years, so it is better to wait
until these are completed than to
run the risk of being mated for life
to someone utterly out of harmony
with one's temperament.

Youth, though glorious, is
notoriously unstable, and with our
present knowledge of child psy-
chology we are beginning to realise
the tremendous strain thrown on
the sensitive minds of children
when exposed to continuous quarrels
and outburst of temper from their
parent. The young father and
mother may be better "playmates"
for their off-spring, but it is the
mature parents who will provide
the calm, quiet, balanced atmos-
phere which is so essential to steady
growth and development, both
physical and mental.

Modern economic conditions tend
to discourage early marriages, not
because it is financially impossible,
but because an all-round higher
standard is demanded. The mother
of a former generation may have
been content to feed her children
mainly on bread. The mother of
to-day knows this will merely pro-
duce rickets, and prefers to wait till
she can afford to give them a better
diet. Actually wages are so much
higher to-day than they were, say,
thirty years ago, that people could,
if they were content with the old
standards and still considered it
praiseworthy to be able to claim
they had "buried five," marry even
younger than did their grand-
parents. Fortunately, however, in-
stead of bearing twelve children,
letting six die in infancy, and allow-
ing four of the survivors to grow up
weedy, degenerate, and undersized,
the modern mother would rather
bring two or three sturdy, healthy
children into the world and bring
them up to perfect maturity.

Finally, the world of to-day de-
mands quality, and not mere
quantity. Throughout the ages,
the strongest mentalities have al-
ways been children of mature
parents. Napoleon's parents were
in the thirties, Queen Victoria was
born when her father was fifty-two,
Keats's father was middle-aged, and
in our own time, the outstanding
literary genius of Bernard Shaw
was the product of a father in the
forties.

Foolish sentimentality has, in the
past, made us look upon the youth-
ful romance with a benignant smile.
Perhaps the time is not far distant
when marriage for a woman under
twenty-five or a man under thirty
will be looked upon as a social crime
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Just for breaking in one day all
the rules and regulations which
all of us break sometimes.

Come along with us and we'll
show you.

We go down Des Voeux Road,
and meet Pete. You all know
Pete. So we stop and have a
yarn.

Okay, that's \$250. Section 3
(20) says you mustn't loiter in any
public place. If it's at night
you're out of pocket another \$250,
because section 7 (4) says you
can't assemble together with other
persons in the night time.

After the Sarge has taken our
name and address we decide to go
along to the Botanical Gardens.
That's one place where they can't
arrest us for loitering. But we
can't get on the lawn. Presto, \$250.
You mustn't break, injure or
destroy any fruit, vegetable, grass
sod or turf.

So we decide that Home's the
safest place, after all.

The front door is locked, and we
can't attract anyone's attention.
\$250 for disturbing the other in-
habitants of the flats by pulling
and ringing the doorbell.

As we went up the stairs we
decided to do the landlord a good
turn and save his electricity bill.
So we switched off the hall light.
That cost us another \$250.

We had a stiff whiskey soda,
and picked up the letter under the
door saying that our Pekinese had
been found wandering on the
street. \$250 because the dog
wasn't muzzled, and animal to be
destroyed.

We turned on the wireless. They
let us off with \$100 this time.
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tranquillity after sunset.

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"that Edward Kelly should be shot
at dawn?"

"Why wait till dawn?" replied
the leading lady.

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shot long before dawn.

But to get back to the A.D.C.
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One of the Anzacs is leaning
pensively against a lamp standard,
a cigarette dangling from his lips.
"What's happened?" we demand
agitatedly.

"Aw," said the warrior, "he's our
flaming C.O. One of the chaps
saluted him!"

Act II.

Scene: Court-martial.

Action: Closing stages of pro-
ceedings.

Arraigned private: I could not
say what came over me. I will see
that it does not occur again.

President: In view of accused's
assurance and previous good
character, the sentence of the
Court is that accused be severely
reprimanded.

ANOTHER ROAD TRAGEDY.

Old Pete has lost his nerve.
You've all seen him at the wheel
of his battered old car—a six year
old model—pottering around the
streets of Kowloon. Now he drives
it with as much care as if it were
a new \$10,000 Rolls Royce. Gone
are the care-free days in which he
used to drive hell-for-leather up
Nathan Road; gone is the pleasure,
the freedom from worry, and the
old cheerful recklessness.

Some new responsibility sits
heavily upon him, making his life
miserable.

As a matter of fact, Pete has
just made the last payment, and
now owns the car.



"How was your crop this year, Abner?"
"Right good, considering we ain't on the main road."

CINEMA WORLD COMES
TO HONGKONGHollywood Notables
Arrive

The tourist season has commenced earlier than usual this winter, the Dollar liner, President Pierce, and the Canadian Pacific liner, Empress of Japan, bringing more than their usual quota of passengers.

Disembarking at Hongkong from the Empress of Japan was Mr. Rudolph Friml, the celebrated composer, who is best known for his glorious music in "Desert Song," "Rose Marie," "Vagabond King," and other well-known musical comedies. Mr. Friml is staying over in Hongkong to obtain inspiration for a Chinese suite. Mr. Friml is an inveterate traveller, and has visited Hongkong before on more than one occasion.

Messrs. C. Bennett and L. H. Ross, who are going to Malaya to take "shots" of animal life for inclusion in forthcoming Universal releases also disembarked from the Empress of Japan.

Aboard the President Pierce is Mr. J. Datsie Lloyd, vice-President of the Harold Lloyd Film Corporation. He is the father of the famous film star whose last film, "Movie Crazy," was screened in Hongkong only this week, and is on a honeymoon trip around the world with his newly-wed wife.

Mr. Eddie Janis, of Los Angeles, is also on a round-the-world tour on the President Pierce. He is connected with the famous music corporation which arranges all musical scores for Paramount Public films.

Mr. August Vollmer, accompanied by his wife, is yet another world tourist. At present professor of Police Administration at the University of California, Mr. Vollmer, former chief of police at Berkeley, California, gained world-wide prominence by his invention of the famous "lie-detector," an instrument which, utilising the variations of blood pressure and heart pulsations, can detect whether a police court witness is prevaricating or not. The instrument is used extensively in the United States.

WATCHMAN SENT
TO PRISONASSAULTS POLICE
OFFICER

When charged at the Central Court to-day with the possession of dutiable tobacco and with assaulting P. C. Blackburn, at Wanchai, yesterday, Kapuk Singh, Sikh watchman, advanced an ingenious defence. He said he was moved by the sounding of a police whistle and the sight of a policeman running, into joining what he had supposed was a chase after some criminal.

The Magistrate pointed out that he had lost sight of the fact that he had previously pleaded guilty to possession of the contraband tobacco, and that he had entered with considerable zest into a struggle with P. C. Blackburn when the latter caught up with him.

P. C. Blackburn said he stalked the Sikh, whose movements had excited suspicion, across the new reclamation and stopped him, as he returned from the waterfront, riding in a ricksha with a bulky sack between his feet. The Sikh got out of the ricksha and bounded across the public recreation ground into Swatow Lane. Here he was caught up by P. C. Blackburn. The two then engaged in a brisk duel, the one using his watchman's stick, and the other his policeman's truncheon. The Sikh gave a nasty poke to the adversary's face, but the next instant was forced to drop the stick on being struck across the wrist with the truncheon.

The Magistrate fined defendant \$500 or two months on the first charge, and withheld the option in sentencing him to a further six weeks on the more serious accusation of assaulting P. C. Blackburn in the execution of his duty.

OUR VARYING
DOLLARSLIGHTLY DOWN
TO-DAY

The Hongkong dollar declined 1/8th this morning to 1s. 3 1/4d. The market locally is absolutely dead.

In London, silver dropped 1/8th, China sold and India was a small buyer, the market closing steady. After the official fixing, the market ruled idle.

New York reports silver down 1/8th, with the market dull. Futures are also down.

PARKING AT THE
RACECOURSEHONGKONG TAIPAN
FINED

A plea of guilty, accompanied by the statement that he had been "ill-advised" in the matter, was returned by Mr. A. Stokkink, Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, who was summoned on two counts, before Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Police Court to-day, for parking his car, No. 3144, outside the entrance to the members' stand at the Race Course, and for non-compliance with the direction of a Traffic Sergeant on duty there, who told him to vacate the space. The incident occurred during the Race Meeting on November 5.

Mr. Wynne-Jones said to defendant that the summonses were called up on Tuesday, when Mr. Stokkink was not present, but was represented by another person. His Worship said he could hear only a legal representative, and had held the case over for Mr. Stokkink to attend in person, adjourning it until this morning instead of the usual week, as he understood Mr. Stokkink wanted to go to Shanghai.

Mr. Stokkink pleaded guilty to both summonses.

Mr. Wynne-Jones, in dealing with the first summons, relating to the unlawful parking, commented that it was possible defendant might be under a misapprehension. A fine of \$10 was imposed on this count.

As regards the other, Mr. Wynne-Jones said it was a more serious matter, not complying with the directions of a Police Officer assigned to duty for the protection of the general public.

Defendant explained that he had been ill-advised into believing that the space, belonging as it did to the members, could be used by a limited number of cars. He was still left in some doubt after having gone in to consult a fellow-member on the matter, and had then gone out and taken his car away, after an interval of ten minutes.

The Magistrate pointed out that the "ill advice" could not have been extended to disobeying the direction of the police officer, and considering the position which Mr. Stokkink occupied. His Worship also stressed the importance of keeping traffic in control during these race-meetings, and imposed a further fine of \$15 on this count.

FOUR FISHERMEN
RESCUEDBROUGHT HERE BY
CITY STEAMER

Little the worse for their trying ordeal, four men who were shipwrecked near the Lin Ting Islands were brought into Hongkong late last night after having been rescued by a passing steamer.

The men, Ng Yau, Young Wo, Lam Sui and Chan Kwan, comprised the crew of a fishing junk which was sailing off the island in Lat. 22. 04 N. and Long. 114. 02 East yesterday when their craft was swamped by the heavy seas. The men were rescued by the crew of the s.s. City of Rangoon.

On being brought into port they were taken by Capt Naylor, master of the City of Rangoon, to the Water Police Station.

Mr. A. Stokkink, manager of the Netherlands Trading Society, was fined a total of \$25 by Mr. Wynne-Jones at the Central Court to-day on two summonses charging him with parking his private car on prohibited ground near the Jockey Club stands and disregarding the direction of a Traffic Sergeant who pointed out the error during the Race Meeting on November 5.

DAY BY DAY: NEWS IN BRIEF

TAKE HEED OF JESTING: MANY HAVE BEEN RUINED BY IT. IT IS HARD TO JEST, AND NOT SOMETIMES JEER TOO; WHICH OFTEN TIMES SINKS DEEPER THAN WAS INTENDED, OR EXPECTED.—Fuller.

During Wednesday, one case of diphtheria and one of typhoid were reported to the local health authorities.

In connexion with the estate of Chan Wai-kan, a trader, late of Hung Hom who died intestate on July 10th, 1906, letters of administration do bonis non have been granted to his adopted son, Chan Lok-wan. On April 28th, 1910, letters of administration were granted to his widow, Chan Man-shi, who died on December 18th, 1916, leaving the estate of Chan Wai-kan unadministered. Probate to the will of Chan Man-shi was granted to Chan Ling-chung, her eldest daughter, and Chan Koi-shun, her eldest son-in-law, on March 28th, 1917. The local estate for which letters of administration have been granted to the adopted son is valued at \$30,000.

AMERICA'S WAR DEBT
REPLY

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gold reserves of other countries to the United States did not, the Note says, seem borne out by actual experience.

The main fault in the distribution of gold supplies seemed to have occurred as between the different countries of Europe and could not be attributed to forces originating in the United States. Regarding the statement that the initiative in devising the Lausanne settlement of reparations was taken with the cognisance and approval of the United States Government, it says the facts were more accurately set out by the Chancellor of Exchequer's statement in July: "The proceedings there were thorough on the basis that the right course was to seek a European solution without involving the United States in discussion."

DECEMBER PAYMENT.

After reviewing the circumstances under which the British debt was funded, the reply concludes "As to the payment due on December 15th, I appreciate the cogency of difficulties which you present as to the transfer of these monies in the present state of foreign exchanges."

"In an endeavour to meet this situation, it has already been suggested that the President might be willing to recommend to Congress the acceptance of deposits in sterling in England, to be guaranteed as to dollars value, and transferred at such time as would not interfere with the stability of exchange."

"This, I understand, your Government has declined in the belief that the existence of a large sum of sterling awaiting transfer would affect the exchange markets almost as seriously as the actual purchase of exchange."

NO METHOD ACCEPTABLE.

"Accordingly further informal suggestions have been made to your Government of methods of meeting these difficulties which it has not been able to find acceptable."

Recognising these difficulties of effecting the transfer, I am confident Congress will be willing to consider any reasonable suggestion which will facilitate the payment due on December 15th."

ANGLO-FRENCH CO-OPERATION.

After the conversation on the debts situation in Paris to-day between Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Chamberlain and MM. Herriot, and Germain Martin, a statement issued by the French Government said the Ministers explained the state of public feeling in their respective countries, and had a full exchange of views on the debts question. "They considered the position concerning the Lausanne agreements and examined the difficulties arising out of the payments due December 15th."

"While reserving their independence of action in dealing with this matter, they declared a common determination to obtain by international cooperation all means calculated to promote the economic restoration of the world."

Later Mr. MacDonald returned to Geneva and Mr. Chamberlain to London.—British Wireless and Reuter.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is returning to London this week-end for an immediate Cabinet meeting for the purpose of drafting a further Note to America, in which it will be indicated that the debt will be paid in gold.

The Note will express satisfaction that the United States is ready to arrange a review of the debts and will ask for acceleration of such enquiry.—Reuter.

ULTIMATUM TO PERSIA

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premises or business interests in Persia.

REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY.

The Persian Government's reply, dated December 3rd maintained that the Persian Government was within its rights in the cancellation of the concession and it failed to agree to withdraw the notification of cancellation. The Persian Government had not refused direct discussions with the Company, with a view to negotiating a new concession and the Note declared that the Persian Government did not regard itself as responsible for any damage accruing to the Company.

As the British Government regarded this reply as wholly unsatisfactory, the British Minister at Teheran, under instructions, today delivered a further Note, the text of which was also read to the House.

This Note stated that the British Government was unable to admit validity of unilateral cancellation of the concession.

Such cancellation was a confiscatory measure and a clear breach of international law committed against a British Company, and the British Government felt obliged to take matters up in exercise of their rights to protect the interests of their nationals. From the outset, the British Government had been anxious that an amicable settlement should be reached between the Persian Government and the Company, but it could not regard the Persian reply as offering any satisfactory basis for such a settlement.

A WEEK'S NOTICE.

The Note proceeds—"Should the Persian Government be unwilling to withdraw their notification of cancellation of the concession within one week from the date of the present Note, that is Thursday 15th December, His Majesty's Government will have no alternative but to refer the dispute which has arisen between them and the Persian Government, in regard to the legality of the Persian Government's action, to the Permanent Court of International Justice as a matter of urgency under the Optional Clause. In so doing, His Majesty's Government would request the Court to indicate under Article 41 of the Statute, the provisional measures which ought to be taken to preserve their rights."

FINAL WARNING.

The Note concludes—"His Majesty's Government will hold the Persian Government directly responsible for any damage to the Company's interests, any interference with their premises or business activities in Persia, or any failure to afford the Company adequate protection, and in the event of any such damage occurring His Majesty's Government will regard themselves as entitled to take all such measures as the situation may demand for the Company's protection."—Reuter and British Wireless.

TWO ATTEMPTS
AT SUICIDEJAPANESE WOMAN
RESCUED

A young Japanese married woman, depressed over some family trouble, attempted to commit suicide yesterday when she jumped into the harbour off the Sanitary Depot rubbish dump in Gloucester Road.

Willoughby hands soon effected a rescue and she was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where she gave her name as Takeko Kim, aged 20 and said she had been living with her husband at 4 Johnstone Road, Wanchai.

Shortly before midnight, a young married woman of 24, Kai Yan Road, Kowloon City, made a similar attempt to end her life by jumping into the harbour off the Kai Tak Bund. She was rescued and taken to the Kowloon Hospital.

U.S. COTTON CROP.

New York, Dec. 8. The U. S. cotton crop is estimated at 12,727,000 bales, on an average yield per acre of 162.1 pounds.—Reuter.

Letters of administration to the estate of Chung Hing-tong, alias Chung Fook Hing-tong, alias Chung Fook Hing, late of Lung Fuk Village, who died intestate on September 4th, 1932, leaving local estate valued at \$10,100, have been granted to his widow, Chung Cheung-shi.

After viewing "Bachelor Apartment" at the Queen's Theatre, the picture can be safely recommended. The acting and dialogue are both excellent, and the situations, with all that is implied by the title, well conceived.

RADIO
BROADCASTPROGRAMME OF RECORDED
MUSIC

From Z.B.W. on wave-length of 355 metres (845 k/c). Owing to alterations in the electrical gear of the Transmitter at Hongkong, the Luncheon programme will be suspended, and broadcasting will be resumed in the evening.

6-7 p.m. Chinese recorded programme.

7-10.30 p.m. European programme.

7 p.m. Stock Quotations etc.

7.30-8 p.m.

A programme of Columbia records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

Variety.

Selection—Rose Marie.

Herman Finck and His Orch. DX309.

Humorous Song—Mandarin.

Billy Bennett DX28.

Fox Trot—Never Hitch Your Wagon to a Star.

Fox Trot—Good Evening.

The B. B. C. Dance Orchestra CB461.

Band—War Marching Song.

Debroy Sumers Band DX112.

Piano Solo—The Birth of the Blues.

Piano Solo—My Heart Stood Still.

Eldyth Baker 9217.

Waltz—Hazel Eyes.

Waltz—Same Old Moon.

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra CB466.

Song—The New Moon—Lover, Come Back to Me.

Song—The New Moon—One Kiss.

Song—Evelyn Laye and Chorus 9751.

Fox Trot—Say That You Were Teasing Me.

Fox Trot—It's Always Goodbye.

The Masqueraders CB489.

8 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.30-9 p.m.

A relay of "The Melodiant Trio" from Lane Crawford's Restaurant, by courtesy of the Management.

(During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio).

9-10.15 p.m. A Classical Programme.

Pianoforte Solo—Moonlight Sonata (Beethoven, Op. 27, No. 2).

Harold Bauer.

(This Suite is from Z.B.W.'s Library).

Quartet in C Major (Beethoven, Op. 59, No. 3).

Part 1—(a) Lerner String Quartet.

Part 2—(b) Allegro vivace.

Part 3—Andante con moto quasi allegretto.

Part 4—Andante con moto quasi allegretto.

Part 5—(a) Andante con moto.

(Concluded) (b) Menuetto.

Part 6—Menuetto (Concluded).

Part 7—Allegro molto.

Part 8—Allegro molto (Concluded).

Canzona No. 4 ("Christ Lay in Death's Dark Prison") (Francesco Pujol—J. S. Bach).

Orfeo Catala of Barcelona, conducted by Maestro Luis Millet. Sung in Catalan with Orchestra.

(These records are kindly loaned by a listener).

10.15-10.30 p.m.

Vocal Gems kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

"The Maid of the Mountains" (Granada Harris, Valentine, Fraser-Simson and Tate).

Columbia Light Opera Co. DX81.

"Bow Bells" (Carter, Stevier, Sullivan and Hamilton).

"Hold my Hand" (Carter and Gave).

Columbia Light Opera Co. DX332.

10.30 p.m. Rugby Mid-day Press News.

10.35 p.m. Close Down.

RIOTOUS SCENES
IN REICHSTAG.NAZIS AND COMMUNISTS
COME TO BLOWS

London, Dec. 8.

Ashtrays, telephones, cuspidors and inkpots were hurled by infuriated Nazis and Communists at each other in the Reichstag, following a furious attack on President Von Hindenburg by a Communist deputy, states a Berlin telegram.

Spectators from the gallery joined in the fray and were set upon by uniformed Nazis, whereupon 50 Communists rushed upstairs and continued the battle there.

The House then debated the Nazi Bill for handing over presidential authority to the President of the Supreme Court in the event of Von Hindenburg's death or resignation.

The Bill is designed to prevent the power from falling into the hands of Von Schleicher.—Out Own Correspondent.

RUSSIAN SLANDER

SOVIET'S REFUSAL TO
TENDER APOLOGY

London, Dec. 8.

It has been learned that the Soviet has refused to apologise for the propagandist articles in the Soviet newspaper Izvestia as demanded by Sir John Simon. The Soviet says it cannot be held responsible for the decisions of the Editorial Board.—Reuter.

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The members of the R.E. Sergeants' Mess are holding a dance in the Garrison Lecture Hall on Saturday next, December 10, commencing at 8.30 p.m.—Music is being supplied by the New Florida dance orchestra.

Mr. H. E. Goldsmith, who recently retired from the Hongkong Government service, returned to the Colony to-day on the Empress of Japan, accompanied by his wife. He is joining Messrs. Denison, Ram and Gibbs from January 1st.

Cadbury's
DELICIOUS, AND
EVER SO SCRUNCHY



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The above picture shows the team which represented the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club last season when they retained the Caer Clark Cup for the third year in succession. Back row, left to right: Mr. Omerod, (trainer), Mr. Bird, B. Poon, E. Ohagen, E. Gray, J. Smalley, H. Knill, E. Blackburn, and E. Bonner. Front row: P. M. Harrop, E. Ross, and C. Ferguson. In the foreground is the Caer Clark Cup.

HOCKEY

NOTES

CAER CLARK CUP

HOLDERS HAVE STIFF TASK

KEEN OPPOSITION

[By "Bully-Off"]

NEXT week the Caer Clark Cup competition opens and I am afraid, that unless they take immediate steps to improve their play, the Hong Kong Ladies will be left behind. They have won the trophy three years in succession and are the present holders, but their current form, compared with that of previous years, has deteriorated. The forwards seem to have lost that effective combination that was their great asset last season, and so far this year have shown a lack of ball-control in front of goal. The halves could also improve their play by spreading a little more instead of bunching together in the middle of the field.

ST. Andrew's Ladies are a team to be watched. They have already beaten the champions twice this season and it would not be a surprise to see them register another win when the teams meet on December 17th. They have improved tremendously since they competed last year, and no doubt on account of the practice they have had with several of the Army units. They are making a strong bid for the trophy and I wish them luck.

THE other teams entered are the Y.M.C.A., the Club de Recreo and the C.B.A., but none of these are likely to cause the other teams much concern.

IF they are to complete their fixtures within the specified time, the Destroyer Flotilla will have to brighten up their ideas and settle down to practically two games per week. They have only played one game to date on account of the uncertainty of their movements. If they do not think they can complete their obligation I would suggest they fall out immediately.

IT is pleasing to note the smoothness with which the Mamak competition is progressing. There has naturally been a number of minor hitches in the arrangements but despite these the fixtures are continuing as per programme. Since the tournament started in October, 91 games have been played out of a total of 253, a fact which throws great credit on the management of the event and the secretary, Mr. E. V. Marshall, in particular, for it is he who has kept the teams up to scratch.

THE Royal Signals should gain an easy victory over the Royal Engineers on the Marina Ground on Saturday, and in the game between the German Club and the University the latter should win by at least two clear goals. If de Souza strikes his usual form they will win by even a larger margin. The German Club are a vastly improved side individually, but they have yet to learn the art of effective combination.

THERE should be very little doubt about the result of the St. Andrew's-12th. Battery game on Sunday, for it is to be fought out on the Marina ground and the 12th. Battery are a better team on a grass pitch. The Club should win two points here.

I WAS pleased to note in the game between the Hong Kong Club and the Lincolnshire Regiment that W. E. Williams, the international right-inn of the Club, had lost a great deal of his usual selfishness. This weakness of his in the past has been responsible for many opportunities being lost at crucial moments when a pass might have led to a goal.

SCOTLAND'S FORLORN CHANCES

"SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY CUP PROSPECTS

ATTRACTIONS IN THE LEAGUE

(By "Veritas".)

WITH the Interport all over, and the league well under way, interest is being turned to the knock out cup competitions, and Sunday will see the first match in the Sunday Herald Charity Cup tournament, when Portugal, the holders meet Scotland on the Kowloon Football Club enclosure.

Scotland appear to be lamentably short of talent this year, and with the Portuguese in the position to call on no less than nine St. Joseph's players, everything points to a runaway entry for Portugal into the next stage of the competition.

On the other hand Scotland have been forced to go to second and third division players to make up a team, and several are playing out of their ordinary positions.

POSITIONAL CHANGES.

Thus we find Sands of the R.A.O.C., who is a forward operating at centre-half, McKelvie of Kowloon, at centre-forward, instead of in the pivotal or rearguard position. Andy Duncan, the Interport left half at inside left and Green-shield, the Artillery second string pivot on the left wing.

These radical changes in position are bound to have an effect on the players, and so far as I can see they have very little prospects of winning.

This impression is heightened when one looks at the Portuguese side, where we find the whole of the St. Joseph's half back line, and four of their five regular forwards, including the Gosano brothers.

POWERFUL PORTUGAL.

Portugal is putting into the field this year one of the most powerful combinations for some considerable time and they are certain to start favourites in their quest for the retention of the Charity Cup. Defence seems to be the strongest point about Scotland, whereas Portugal can boast of a finely balanced team, with the forwards probably the strongest section.

Four first division league matches are due for decision over the week-end, the high spot among them being Sunday's meeting of the Lincolns and South China. The Lincolns have been displaying variable form during recent weeks, and even last Saturday against the Navy accomplished little over which one could enthuse. Nevertheless, they are a team likely to be seen at their best against the talented Chinese combination, and although I do not expect them to win, there is, perhaps, a distinct chance of them sharing the spoils.

CHINESE SHOULD WIN.

South China will have their Interports back in the side and are apparently turning out at full strength, in which case two points are indicated. As the match is being played at Sookunpoo, the soldiers may be able to claim a slight advantage. There is not the "wide open spaces" atmosphere with the Sookunpoo enclosure which one obtains on the vast Caroline Hill ground, and this may have its effect on the Chinese.

On the other hand they are the type of team which can

Close of the Racing Season

Last Meeting of a Year of Several Outstanding Achievements

THERE is sure to be a touch of sadness in the Happy valley race meeting to-morrow, for it brings with it the close of the season—a season of many brilliant achievements, and first rate sport.

But the 1932 season of racing is going out with a flourish and to-morrow's meeting promises to be equally as attractive and successful, if not more so, as any of its predecessors.

The year has seen some particularly good racing. Almost every record has been broken, and it is comforting to reflect that the depression has not caused any extra worry among the backers, who have turned out in good numbers at every meeting.

AUTUMN CHAMPIONS THE BIG EVENT TO-MORROW

NOTES AND FORM

The splendid condition of the course must, of necessity, be attributed to the attention given by the Clerk of the Course, Mr. T. E. Pearce, and Mr. Sutton, who acted in that capacity during Mr. Pearce's home leave.

For this meeting the rails will be restored to their proper position and the ponies will be racing on the new strip of course which has been opened since the last general meeting.

KING'S BOUNTY.

The conditions for the ponies starting in the first event—the December Handicap—are they must have started at least four times in extra meetings since the annual meeting, or have not won a race over a mile distance since March 1932.

Quite the best of the good entry for this race is King's Bounty, Gay Crusader, Blue Star and Gold Key. King's Bounty will be making its initial run since the first half of the season, and although this pony is carrying top weight, it should also be able to carry off the event.

Its biggest danger, of course, is Gay Crusader, which has done some fine racing lately, and has been well up in the fields on almost every occasion it has started.

Meridian Star at 156 pounds will have some support, but judging from its condition I think it will be at least three to four months before it is in racing form. Blue Star, which ran a disappointing race at the last meeting, will be out with a very small impost of 149 pounds, and if this pony is to do anything this season, then it is likely to do it in this race. Deveron and Alexander Hall, both at 140 pounds have a chance to figure as place winners.

EVENING STAR.

The Barrier Reef Handicap is an event for Australian ponies, and it is noticeable that the top weights have been given some pretty severe handicaps. Evening Star, although at 170 pounds, should be good enough to win, especially as it is in as good a condition as it was at the last meeting. But After That is to be ridden by Mr. Leo Frost, and as the pony has already two wins to its credit, there is no valid reason why it should not increase it to three in this race.

Canny is a very good outside bet here, and it has been running extremely well of late. The Raindrop, Kiree and Mermale are the pick of the lower weighted entrants.

LATEST ABOUT THE BIG RACES

Although this morning's gallops at Happy Valley gave not the slightest assistance in judging prospects for the three big events to-morrow—the Hong Kong Autumn Champions, the Sub-Griffins Champions and the Queensland Autumn Champions—speculation is rife and it is generally felt that a tremendous struggle will ensue between Zadko, Glenegles and Bag and Baggie in the Hong Kong Champions event.

Racing Boy and Bistre are expected to provide a keen race for first place in the sub-griffins champions, and the Queensland Autumn Champions event will go either to The Giraffe or Polar Star.

There is always one race which the handicappers make it extremely difficult for the prophet, and the Dilatory Plate is the one to-morrow. Cy-Pres, Wemby, Stag and Golden Arrow figure among the leaders but they are very heavily weighted, and as their handicaps are about equal, and their form likewise, I think either of these three will provide the winner. Lower down we have The Plover, Bluelove, Wakefield and Orlando, each of them good enough to occupy a place. I leave this race to your own judgment.

The big thing of the day is the fourth race—the Hong Kong Autumn Champions, which will see some very fine ponies take the field. It is quite probable that two or even three nominees from the Dunbar Stable will be seen in action. Mr. Dunbar will very likely send his speed merchant which recently broke a record, to the post, and Mrs. Dunbar can be expected to start Sitting Bull.

Fortune Bay may start, but I am inclined to think that this pony will be reserved for another event. Snoko has been spoken of as something on which to bet, and there is no gainsaying the fact that it did an extraordinarily fine gallop the other morning. Also it is fighting fit and I think a useful piece of flesh, inviting no little confidence.

Bag and Baggie is reported extremely fit, and by reason of its recent brilliant performances, will go to the post well supported by astute backers. Wild Life is another pony which has been running well of late, but somehow I don't think it has quite the class to beat the opposition mentioned above.

KWONG NOMINEES.
Blue Star at 160 pounds and Bright Star at the same weight.

CAN THE GIRAFFE BEAT KWONG BROS POLAR STAR?

BY "RINGTAIL"

will be the nominations from the Kwong Brothers' stables for the Tardy Stakes, and either of them are good enough to win, although I favour the pony which has Mr. Pan on top. Gold Key and Fortune Bay, if the latter is not seen in the Champions event, have an engagement here, and as both are evenly matched in weight and ability, some interesting speculation can be made regarding them.

THE GIRAFFE?

Quite a few local punters will tell you that The Giraffe will reverse the decisions gained by the Kwong Brothers' speedster, Polar Star, when they meet to-morrow in the Queensland Autumn Champions. On the last two occasions that these ponies have met, Mr. Butler has steered Polar Star to fairly comfortable victories, but it has to be remembered that they were over a distance of 1½ miles, whereas to-morrow the race is for 1¼ miles, which will obviously make a great deal of difference to Mr. Frost's mount. I am inclined to think that things will be very much different to-morrow to either of these other two previous races, and Polar Star will have to do something out of the ordinary to beat The Giraffe.

Lucky Glitters has been putting up some brilliant performances lately and Friar Tuck is another pony which is well up to the distance and should figure among the placed competitors.

RACING BOY.

In the Hong Kong Autumn Sub-Griffins race, all eyes will be on Racing Boy, the pony which has most wins to its credit for the 1932 season. Racing Boy has been first past the winning post no less than four times, and there is small doubt that this event will provide it with another.

But the race will not be too easy, for there are some other good ponies taking part. Incidentally Mr. H. S. Chan has sold Racing Boy since its last success, but Mr. Leo Frost will be guiding it.

Bistre may offer a good challenge to Racing Boy, for it has shown consistently good form, and is capable of putting up a good show.

The Final Plate finds most of the ponies with unusually high weights, and this will cause some little trouble in the selection of the winner. I think it can be ascertained from either Gallant Fox, Banjolina or Whoopee, and among the lesser lights are Devon, New King and Cabinet Hall, from which should emerge one for the third place.

WEST POINT CONQUER

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—Led by the smashing play of "Red" Vidol and Jack Buckner, fast running backs, the Army's football eleven finished with a burst of power to crush the Navy 20 to 0 to-day before a crowd of record size.

It was the fourth successive triumph for the Cadets in the annual gridiron series between the service academies.

RADIO CREEPING UP

Easy Victory Over 24th Battery

The Radio registered another win in the Mamak Tournament yesterday when they defeated the 24th. Battery by 4 goals to nil on the U.S.R.C. ground. The game showed the Radio superior in all quarters, their forwards playing speedily and very constructively. Hockey which pierced the Battery defence almost at will.

Avatar Singh opened the scoring soon after the start by converting a pass from Sparry, on the left wing. Gurbachan Singh increased the lead shortly afterwards with a fine shot from a difficult angle. Before the interval Avatar Singh again found the net, thus giving the Radio a lead of three clear goals. In this half the Battery made occasional attacks on the Radio goal but were at no time dangerous.



GURBACHAN SINGH, the brilliant Radio Sports Club hockey forward, who has scored 21 goals in the Mamak League this season.

The second half was more evenly contested, the Battery inside forwards combining well. They received little support from their flank men. A few minutes after the re-start Gurbachan Singh found the net again but the goal was disallowed on account of "sticks". He later scored again. "P. Singh" at right back, and Hussain, in the centre of the intermediate line, were outstanding for the Radio, while Gurbachan played a sparkling game in the Battery attack. Lewis, right back, was far below his usual form and was frequently pulled up for "sticks".

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Mamak League

R. E. v. Signals—Marina, 4 p.m.
R.E.—Bailly: Mechnan and Whitefield; Humberly, Mullins and C. Harding; Leslie, Hayden, R. Harding, Holmes and Perry.
—H.K. Ladies "A" v. St. Andrew's Scouts—Sookunpoo, 6.15
H.K. Ladies "B" v. Blackburn and A. Nicol: A. Owen Hughes, D. Robertson and A. Hallifax; E. Bell, J. Dalziel, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill, and M. Bishop.

To-morrow's Sports: Fixtures and Teams

LEAGUE FOOTBALL
Division 1, K. O. 4.15.
Police v. Club—Caroline Hill
Police: Perkins; Channings and Brittain; Minty, Channings and Jessop; T. Pile, Moss, Johnston, Stephens and C. Pile. Reserves: Downman and Williams.
S.W.B. v. Navy—Sookunpoo
Kowloon v. Athletic—Kowloon
SUNDAY
Lincolns v. South China—Sookunpoo.
DIVISION 2, K.O. 2.45.
Ewo v. Kowloon—Navy
Lincolns v. Eastern—Chatham Rd. 4
Navy v. Club—Kowloon
Chinese v. S.W.B.—Chinese H. V.
Taung Tain v. R. A.—Caroline Hill.
R.A.—Holmes; Leadbeater and Lowen; Ward, Greenshield and Harris; Snooks, Smith, Hardy, McDonald and Wood.
DIVISION 3.
Radio v. R.A.S.C.—Chinese 4 p.m.
Radio—U. B. Sheriff, and Bowser; Bux, Elms, and Markar; Hanib, Singh, Aycock, Lee, and Taveras. Reserves: J. Taveras and Arnold.
S. China v. R.E.—St. Joseph's, 4
Recreo v. S.W.B.—Recreo, 4
R.A.F. v. Lincolns—Recreo 2.30
SUNDAY.

Signals v. Taikee, Sookunpoo.
SUNDAY HERALD CUP.
Sunday
Scotland v. Portugal—Kowloon, F. C., 3.30 p.m.
Scotland—G. Rodger (Club); Blackburn (Police) and Tillery (Kowloon); Hughes (R.A.), Sands (R.A.O.C.) and McDonald (R.A.); G. Duncan (Club), Hill (Kowloon), McKellie, (Capt. Kowloon), A. Duncan (Club) and Greenshield (R.A.). Reserve, Bell (Club).
Portugal: R. Marques (St. Joseph's), R. Silva Netto (Recreo) and L. Gomes (St. Joseph's); N. Beltrao (St. Joseph's), V. Costa (St. Joseph's), L. Fernandes (St. Joseph's), L. Souza (St. Joseph's), B. Gosano (St. Joseph's), A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's), L. Rocha (Recreo), and F. A. Santos (St. Joseph's). Reserves: S. Sousa (St. Joseph's), V. Marques (Recreo), G. F. Victor (St. Joseph's), L. Gomes and C. Figueiredo (Recreo).
RUGBY.
Club v. Navy—Club
Club—J. P. Whitham; J. J. Ferguson, W. H. B. Rigg, R. H. Griffiths, A. F. Jenkins; N. W. Turner, M. N. Macintosh; W. Kerr, J. H. McElroy, R. Stillard, W. E. Peers, D. McLellan, J. C. Miller.

K. A. Munro, A. P. Hall-Thompson.
CRICKET.
League, Div. 1.
Navy v. K. C. C.—Navy.
K. C. C.—F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, E. F. Fincher, J. C. Lyl, A. T. Lay, G. C. Burnett, I. McInnes, A. E. Perry, W. C. Hung, N. A. E. Mackay, and F. S. W. Smith.
DIVISION 2.
K. C. C. v. Navy—K. C. C.
K. C. C.—F. E. Lawrence, C. I. Stapleton, A. A. Dand, G. A. V. Hall, H. Overy, G. Lee, R. J. Walker, P. O. Dunne, G. A. White, A. R. P. Raven, D. S. Green.
Civil Service v. R. E. & S.—Valley
Royal Engineers—Col. Neworthy, Lt. Col. Marsden, Lieut. Anstruther, Lieut. Whiteway-Wilkinson, Col. Mehan, Lt. Col. Monaghan, Spr. Hogg, Tucker, Whitefield, Holmes and Big Chaffey.
Civil Service—F. J. Ling, F. H. Holdman, J. J. Barrow, N. L. Pobbington, P. D. Crawley, B. D. Evans, P. E. Matthews, J. F. McGowan, J. C. Pilcher, S. Randle, A. E. Wood.
FRIENDLIES.
I. R. C. 2nd XI v. Police—Sookunpoo
H.K.C.C. Intra-Club Match
Hayward's XI—A. W. Hayward, E. R. Duckett, F. Baker, A. K. Mackenzie, C. W. E. Bishop, H. J. D. Lowe.

L.A.R. Duncan, J. Ricketts, R.O.P. King, J. Berghie Coupland and R. R. Davies.
A. Reid's XI—A. Reid, H.B.R. Hancock, G.S. Dunkley, L.T. Ride, A. B. Lawson, C.E.R. Garbutt, W.E. Hunt, G. A. Wright, L. A. Whips, H. J. Armstrong, J.M. Sunley.
Craigengower v. Combined Schools—Valley
Combined Schools—J.L. Youngsaw (D.B.S.), A.A. Rumlahn, G. Windsor and G. Souza (St. Joseph's), A.J. Hulse and A. Zimmer (D.B.S.), Tui Yan-pui, M. al Arculli and G. Lee (Queen's College), and D. Blake (C.B.S.). Reserves—E. Frith (D.B.S.) and J. Sharpham (C.B.S.).
HOCKEY.
Mamak League
University v. German Club—Caroline Hill
University—P. G. Tang, O. M. Rodriques and A. J. Banto, K. M. Ho, K. T. Loke, and E. L. Gosano; R. Woolley, Foo Eng-lin, O. do Souza, A. A. Azziz and S. Reed.
SUNDAY
St. Andrew's v. 12th Battery—Marina, 9 a.m.
FRIENDLIES.
H.K. Ladies "A" v. St. Andrew's—Sookunpoo, 3.15
H.K. Ladies—J. Harris Walker; V. Blackburn and M. Kiar; E. O'Hagen; D. Robertson and B. Franklin; E. Bell, E. S. Llang, P. M. Harrop, J. Churchill, and R. King.

ALL BEHIND

SLOW PROGRESS OF LEAGUE CRICKET

SECOND DIVISION LETHARGY

(By "The Stumper")

PROGRESS in the League has been very slow this year, only an average of two matches being played each week. Clubs generally seem to have a great reluctance in starting on their League programme early, and one club, the University, have not played a League game in either division. The undergraduates cannot be blamed as they are having their examinations at this time of the year, but little excuse can be given for the other teams.

CONTRARY to past years, the senior division is making more progress than the junior. The Army and the Civil Service C.C. have each played three games, while the Hongkong C.C., the Navy and the Craigengower C.C. two each, and the Kowloon C.C. and the Indian R.C. one each. This, in view of the fact that the senior teams have only five League matches to play, is quite good going.

WITH ten matches to play, the Indian R.C. and the Police R.C. claim the most with four each, Civil Service three, Craigengower C.C., Navy, Club de Recreo and Hongkong C.C. two each, and Kowloon C.C., R. E. and S., and R.A.S.C. one each. If matches are put back, interest may tend to wane. However, I expect to see more matches played after the New Year, when interest will be revived once again.

BOWLING very well throughout, A. C. Beck, the Club and Interport fast bowler was chiefly responsible for the defeat of the Civil Service C.C. at Happy Valley last week by nine wickets. I hear he was coming off the pitch very fast and his deliveries were kicking a bit, which made him almost unplayable. He returned the final analysis of eight wickets for 27 runs—about the best bowling performance in League cricket this season.

ALTHOUGH G. R. Sayer and J. E. Richardson put on 30 runs for the first wicket, the whole Civil Service side were out for only 69, and of the remaining runs, R. M. Wood contributed 25. The other seven batsmen collected only nine runs between them. The Club had no difficulty in passing this score and went on to make 175 for seven wickets. E. J. R. Mitchell was top-scorer with 62 and J. P. Whitham contributed 46.

I have been rather impressed by Whitham's batting of late. He has been scoring very consistently, and if he has definitely given up rugby for cricket, we are certain to hear of him again before long. He is not an enterprising type of batsman, but has a very solid defence. He scores most of his runs on the on.

THE Club second string registered their second victory when they defeated the second eleven of the Civil Service C.C. on the town ground by three wickets. Of the visitors' total of 128, A. E. Wood made 46 and was unlucky not to have reached his half-century. The Club batting was consistent and enabled them to win by three wickets close on time.

THE Hongkong Cricket Club are showing good form in both divisions, and are making a bold bid for Championship honours. They have a number of new players this season, with the result that their teams are not displaying the same lethargy that has come to be associated with them during the last couple of years. They have the material to carry off both shields and have apparently set out to do so this year.

THREE League matches are down for decision to-morrow, one in the senior and two in the junior division. The K.C.C. will be severely tested when they visit the Navy ground, that is if the sailors can muster a full side. Otherwise, the K.C.C. should collect the points. The second strings are also in opposition and I think the Navy should win without difficulty. An even game should result between the Civil Service C.C. seconds and the R. E. and S. at Happy Valley.

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A FOX PICTURE.

THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THE
COMING WEEK

Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird D. S. O., O. B. E., state:

Parades.

(a) Corps Signals.—Parade at Corp Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 13th December.
(b) Battery.—Camp: With the exception of those men detailed specially, the remainder will proceed to Fanling Camp by train from Kowloon Railway Station at 6.05 p.m. Seven men specially detailed will take rifles and slings. Dress:—Topsies, Blue Caps, Jackets, Bandoliers, Khaki Shirts, Shorts, Socks (to be worn after sunset), Boots, Puttees, Gaiters, Haversacks, Waterbottles. All extra kit must be delivered at Headquarters by 11 a.m. on Friday morning otherwise it must be carried personally.

(c) Armoured Car Section.—Those proceeding to Camp by the Cars on Friday evening will parade at the Car Park opposite the Y.M.C.A. in Kowloon at 6 p.m.

(d) Machine Gun Company.—There will be no further parades until after the Christmas holidays. The next parade will be on Friday, 6th January of which particulars will be given later. Camp. All members of the Company are reminded that the week-end, 9th to 11th December is the last week-end for attending Camp and in view of the Field Day on the 11th December it is hoped that the Company will turn up in full strength. (e) A.A.L.A. Company.—As from date, and until further orders, Section Drills will be discontinued and Members of the Company who have not yet completed the necessary number of drills for proficiency will parade for combined instruction at Volunteer Headquarters every Monday at 5.30 p.m.

(f) Portuguese Company.—There will be no parade on Tuesday, 13th, instant.

(g) The Officers Commanding the undermentioned Units will issue their Orders separately to their Commands:—Engineer Company, Machine Gun Troop, Motor Machine Gun Section, Scottish Company, Amalgamated.

Lecture Room will be allotted to Machine Gun Company on Friday, 16th, instant.

Reversion

No. 1321 Cpl. T. S. D. Whitley, No. 1 Platoon, reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from 8.12.32.

Promotion & Appointments
No. 705 C. S. M. Rogers, B. S., Motor Machine Gun Section, appointed Acting Regimental Sergeant Major from 25.11.32 to 27.11.32 and from 2.12.32 to 4.12.32.

No. 1548 Cpl. L. B. Holmes, No. 4 Platoon, appointed Acting Lance Sergeant with effect from 25.11.32. No. 1092 L/Cpl. T. Seddon, No. 1 Platoon, appointed Acting Corporal with effect from 9.12.32.

Struck Off The Strength

Having left the Colony.—No. 1493 Cpl. E. B. Gammell, No. 1 Platoon, as from 8.12.32. No. 1411 Pte. A. D. Coppin, No. 1 Platoon, as from 8.12.32. No. 1672 Pte. M. E. M. Onkeshott, No. 2 Platoon, as from 1.10.32. No. 1770 Pte. W. D. Folly, No. 4 Platoon, as from 9.11.32. No. 1494 Pte. I. D. Lenox, No. 4 Platoon, as from 8.12.32.

Permitted to resign.—No. 1549 Pte. A. T. Briley, No. 1 Platoon, as from 8.12.32.

Leave
No. 807 L/Cpl. J. G. Hooper, Engineer Company, returned from leave on 3.11.32.

No. 1524 Acting L/Serjt. J. M. Purvis, Engineer Company, returned from leave on 21.11.32.

W. H. G. GOSLER, Captain.

Adjutant, H. K. V. D. Corps, NOTICE

Xmas Cards.—Corps Xmas Cards are now ready. Price 75 cents each. Standard Type of Blanco.—The standard type of blanco is on sale in the Canteen.

FANLING GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR
SUNDAY

Old Course

9.08 C. H. Bradley, J. S. Dykes.
9.16—9.24 Reserved (not to be booked).

9.30 M. W. Budd, A. E. Lissaman.
9.36 A. Leach, I. Newton.

9.40 O. E. C. Marton, L. R. Andrewes.

9.45 A. B. Stewart, A. K. MacKenzie.

9.48 J. F. Lawrie, P. S. Grant.

9.52 A. B. Raworth, D. J. Fraser.

9.56 R. Stock, W. F. Simons.

10.00 F. A. Redmond, A. B. Purves.

10.04 A. H. Penn, F. Syme Thomson.

10.08 Comdr. McBean, Lt. Cdr. Robertson.

10.12 Capt. Giddy, G. B. McCormick.

10.16 J. F. Robinson, A. E. McEnchran.

10.20 C. C. Stark, Cdr. G. F. Hole.

10.24 E. Taylor, W. J. Waddington.

10.28 G. V. T. Marshall, J. R. Munson.

10.32 W. M. Kirkby, J. W. Mayhew.

10.36 W. G. Robertson, J. B. Mackie.

10.40 Cdr. E. M. Tetley, L. D. Jones.

10.44 H. Hampton, J. Macknight.

10.48 W. A. Stewart, W. Mulcahy.

10.52 H. W. Daukes, A. McKeller.

10.56 J. Ralston, H. G. Wallington.

11.00 G. C. Worrall, J. P. Warren.

11.04 R. Young, W. A. Butterfield.

11.08 G. T. May, H. N. Williamson.

11.12 H. C. Hopkins, E. Lewis.

11.16 C. Eager, H. C. Gould.

11.20 C. Thwaites, E. des Voeux.

11.24 J. B. Logan, A. Sommerfeldt.

SCOTLAND'S FORLORN
CHANCE

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quickly adapt itself to conditions, and I rather imagine that we are going to find them occupying third place in the table after Sunday afternoon.

The Club's encounter with the Police may produce any result, but the Borderers should account for the Navy and it is difficult to conceive Kowloon stopping the Athletic.

GIANTS MEET.

There is a meeting of the giants in Division 2, when the leaders, the Athletic and the Borderers come into conflict. The Borderers enjoy a 100 per cent. record at the moment, whereas the Athletic have conceded one point in ten games. The match is being played on the somewhat restricted Happy Valley enclosure which may have a detrimental effect upon the soldiers, although I think they are good enough to overcome this and any other disadvantages. They are playing like champions, and are by far the finest team in the division. The Lincolns, Artillery and South China should also collect easy points.

After accomplishing what I anticipated last week—forcing a draw with St. Joseph's, the Chinese Athletic can be expected to produce equally good form against the Lincolns to-morrow, but whether or not they will prove good enough to hold the soldiers is another matter.

LINCOLNS FRIGHT.

They are up against a somewhat different proposition, in that last week they were opposed to a losing team, whereas on Saturday they will be confronted with a side which has dropped but one point in nine matches.

Nevertheless the Lincolns were given a fright last Saturday by the lowly placed Air Force combination, and there will have to be a big improvement by them if they are to hold the Chinese.

The Borderers who rattled up ten goals a week ago, will most likely go near to repeating this on Sunday, when they have the Royal Engineers as opponents, but after their debacle against the Radio one is inclined to view the prospects of the R.A.S.C. with some misgivings.

My forecast is:

CHARITY.

PORTUGAL v Scotland.

LEAGUE.

Division 1.

Police v Club.

BORDERERS v Navy.

Kowloon v CHINESE.

Lincolns v S. CHINA.

Division 2.

EWO v Kowloon.

LINCOLNS v Eastern.

NAVY v Club.

Chinese v Borderers.

Taung Tsai v ARTILLERY.

Division 3.

University v SIGNALS.

R.A.S.C. v Recreation.

Chinese v LINCOLNS.

RADIO v Talkies.

R. Engineers v BORDERERS.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$28.50 b.

Watsons (old), \$12.75 n.

Watsons (new), \$11.40 n.

Der. A. Wings, \$1 n.

Sincera \$15.50 n.

Lane Crawford, \$5.40 sa.

MacIntoshes, \$21 n.

Wm. Powells, \$3.35 n.

Wing On (H.K.), \$235 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$16.50 n.

Entertainments, \$13.40 b.

S.C. Enterprises, \$3 1/4 n.

United Theatres, \$15.25 b.

Macao "Greyhounds", \$6.30 b.

Construction (old), \$6.25 n.

Construction (new), \$1.35 b.

B. Ind. G.S. Bonds, \$69 n.

Wallace Harpers, \$10 s.

China Sports Ltd., \$10 n.

11.28 I. H. Geare, R. C. Law.

11.32 A. M. Parker, J. Coulthart.

11.36 W. S. Hillier, A. O. Brown.

11.40 C. B. Robertson, D. S. Edward.

11.44 B. D. Evans, R. W. Taplin.

New Course

9.32 J. B. MacDonald, A. MacFarlane.

9.40 Miss Munro, Miss Graham.

9.48 J. C. Dunbar, R. S. Traill.

9.56 F. Lobel, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.04 Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.

10.12 Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. Mayhew.

10.20 Mrs. Farrell, Miss Paterson.

10.28 W. J. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts.

10.36 V. R. Gordon, F. H. Glover.

10.44 Mrs. Mathison, Miss Whinneter.

10.52 R. A. Rodgers, A. G. G. Fournier.

10.56 Mrs. Rodgers, Miss Curtin.

11.00 R. Auburn, H. Evele.

11.08 R. C. Webb, Mrs. Webb.

11.16 A. E. Gerondal, J. Shaw.

11.24 Mr. Gerondal, Mrs. Shaw.

SHARE PRICES

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1650 sa.
Hongkong Lon. Reg \$118 n.
Chartered Bank \$13 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. \$23 1/2 n.

Mercantile Bank C., \$29 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$108
Am. O. Finance Corp., \$28 n.
China O. Fin. Corp., \$14.6 n.
China A. Fin. Prof. \$14.60 n.

Insurances.
Canton Ins., \$1230 b.
Union Ins., \$516 sa.
China Underwriters, \$2.80 n.
China Fire \$620 n.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$1190 n.
International Assee., \$14.40 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$26 b.
H.K. Steamboats, \$23 1/4 n.
Indo-Chinas, (Prof.) \$45 n.
Indo-Chinas (Def.), \$32 n.
Shell (Bear), \$48/9 n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 1/2 b.

Mining.
Bonguets, \$18 1/2 n.
Kailans, \$2/9 n.
Langkats (Single), \$14.4 n.
Shai Explorations, \$14.210 n.
Shai-Loans, \$14.230 n.
Venz: Goldfields, \$4.20 b.
Benguet Exp., 23 cts. b.

Docks, etc.
H.K. Wharves, \$145 n.
H.K. & Docks, \$24 n.
S. China Motors A., \$10 n.
S. China Motor B., \$8 n.
Providents (old), \$4.60 n.
Providents (new), \$1.65 s.
Hongkwa, \$14.230 n.
New Engineering, \$14.620 n.
Shanghai Docks, \$14.95 n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
Hotels (old), \$10.30 sa.
Hotels (new), \$9.80 n.
H.K. Lands, \$76 1/4 sa.
Shai Lands, \$14.234 n.
Metropolitan Lands, \$10 n.
Humphreys, \$15 1/4 n.
H.K. Realities, \$7.95 sa.
Asia Realities "A", \$140 n.
Asia Realities "B", \$28 n.
Chinese Estates, \$100 n.
China Realities, \$11.40 n.
China Debentures \$14.99 1/2 n.

Cotton Mills.
Ewo Cottons, \$14.60 sa.
Shai Cottons, \$14.73 1/4 n.
Zoong Sings, \$11.75 b.
Wing On Textiles (S.) 130 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$20.20 n.
Peak Trams (old), \$15.50 n.
Star Ferries, \$91 b.

Yamutai Ferries, (old), \$34 1/2 n.
Yamutai Ferries (new), \$33.50 s.
China Lights (old), \$13.90 b.
H.K. Electric \$75 1/2 b.

Macao Electric \$29 n.
Sandakan Lights, \$12 n.
Telephones (old), \$36 sa.
Telephones (new), \$26 sa.
China Buses, \$14.10 n.

Singapore Traction, 2/- n.
Singapore Prof., 12/- n.

Industries.
Malaban Sugars \$27 1/4 n.
Cald: Macg. Ord., \$14.14 n.
Cald: Macg. Prof., \$14.10 1/2 n.

Canton Ice, \$6 n.
Cements (Com.), \$11.20 sa.
Cements (new), \$2 n.

H.K. Rope, \$12 n.
Agriculture, \$10 a.
Stores, etc.

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9.40 Miss Munro, Miss Graham.
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9.56 F. Lobel, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.04 Lt. Col. E. D. Matthews.
10.12 Mrs. Kirkby, Mrs. Mayhew.
10.20 Mrs. Farrell, Miss Paterson.

10.28 W. J. Roberts, Mrs. Roberts.
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NEW HOUSING BILL

TO ENCOURAGE BUILDING
OF SMALLER TYPE

London, Dec. 8.

The principal object of the Government's new Housing Bill issued to-day, is to encourage building of smaller types of houses by private enterprise. In order to do this it is proposed to abolish the existing subsidy and to help building societies to finance the building of houses for letting.

The Government has decided to continue the subsidy for slum clearance and also to encourage conditioning of cottages for rural workers.—British Wireless.

PRINCE OF WALES

London, Dec. 8.

The Prince of Wales in continuance of his desire to make close contact with the means that are being taken to assist the unemployed in the depressed areas, spent yesterday in the Rhondda Valley of South Wales, where he was received with great enthusiasm.—British Wireless.

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These celebrations are too well known in the Colony to need any detailed description, but for the sake of any new-comers who have not had the opportunity of enjoying the occasion, it may be said that the old standard of the best goods at economical prices will be maintained.

As the saying is, there will be "all the fun of the fair," and visitors who venture into the grounds will be sorry to leave them at closing time. Among the many attractions will be found the ever popular 10 cent stalls and the still more popular dollar raffle.

There will be the Dairy Farm stall which has long been one of the land marks of the fair; the surprise cake, and above all the motor-car draw, which will take place toward the end of the entertainment.

One of the leading features this year is the display for sale of 300 dolls handsomely dressed by the ladies of Hongkong. These cannot fail to be a really important attraction. It is well to note also that the toys offered for sale are of an unusually good quality, and stocks have been laid in with a view to the coming Christmas festivities.

Taken all in all, the fair will be an ideal place to go to for both young and old.

WAR DEBTS

PARIS CONVERSATIONS
CONCLUDE

Paris, Dec. 8. The War Debts conference between British and French Ministers concluded at 2.35 o'clock this afternoon, without arriving at any definite decision regarding payments due to the United States on December 15.

A Communiqué states that the two Governments have considered the position as regards the Lausanne agreements and examined the difficulties arising from the payments due to the United States.

While reserving independence of action in dealing with the difficulties, they affirmed a common determination to continue to act in order to obtain international co-operation to promote the economic restoration of the world.—Reuter.

CINEMA SCREENINGS

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE
THEATRES

Joan Crawford and Robert Montgomery appear as modern American lovers, and fight a dramatic battle to save their own romance, in "Letty Lynton."

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's much heralded filmization of the novel, playing from Sunday at the Queen's Theatre. The story is a tense drama of the modern age, of society and intrigue, with an amazing dramatic climax in which the heroine faces the choice between prison and loss of her reputation. The plot deals with an heiress whose indiscretions crop up, in the form of a jealousy and illicit lover, as she is about to find her life happiness. There is a poisoning; suspicion falls on her, and to save her from prison, her mother and lover provide the only alibi they can find, though it threatens the worst of scandal. An astounding battle of wits between the district attorney and the girl and her mother is one of the big dramatic situations in the film.

Joan Crawford as Letty wears beautiful gowns, dances the tango, breaks men's hearts, and, at the finish, gives one of the greatest dramatic performances of her career. Montgomery, as the debonair American who suddenly turns fighter for his girl, has a role perfectly suited to his unique personality. Outstanding work is also done by Nils Asther, the famous Swedish actor, as the jealous Renault, and by May Robson as the mother. Lewis Stone scores in the role of the district attorney and Louis Calhern as the maid.

The character comedy, "The First Year," is in apparent throughout the entire production.

"Mischief," which is now showing at the King's Theatre, the new British and Dominion film featuring Ralph Lynn, has an episode which is about the funniest yet heard in talkies. It introduces a rustic youth whose business it is to drive visitors to their destination in a decrepit buggy drawn by a horse which pulls a plough when not on the road. The horse moves only when it is asked to stop, and only stops when it is asked to move. The boy cannot be moved at all unless he is "dared" to do so, and all approaches to him have to be in the form of an insulting gesture, accompanied by a vocal challenge that sounds like "Gertcha." This "Gertcha" should become a catch-phrase. The famous comedian is supported by Winifred Shottler and a fine cast, which includes James Carew, Jeanna Stuart, Jack Hobbs, Maud Gill, Bromley Davenport, Kenneth Kove and Louise Emery.

"The First Year" As a test to discover if you are funny or not, shut yourself in a room and try to be so comical that you'll laugh at yourself. "This being funny is no laughing matter," declares Minna Gombell, outstanding come-

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DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS GOES
BACK TO AMERICA

Douglas Fairbanks, the film star who passed through Hongkong at the beginning of November on a big game hunting expedition to French Indo-China and Java, has suddenly cancelled his tour programme and sailed for Europe.

The reason for the sudden alteration to his plans is stated to be the receipt of an urgent message from his wife (the famous Mary Pickford), who wishes to spend Christmas with him in California, but another report states that the message from his wife calls him back as she recently entered into a contract with a film company which is engaged in producing an important picture.

Douglas Fairbanks left Bombay by the Lloyd Triestino liner Conte Verde, and is hurrying across Europe now to cross the Atlantic to meet Mrs. Fairbanks.

Asked in Bombay when he would be coming back to the Far East, Mr. Fairbanks said that he hoped to return with his wife next year. Mr. Fairbanks hopes, on his next trip, that he and Mrs. Fairbanks will stay in Hongkong for at least a week.

dianna of the screen whose next success is "The First Year," the new Janet Gaynor-Charles Farrell comedy to be seen at the King's Theatre on Sunday next. "I like to hear people laugh when they are not laughing just to be nice to me or to oblige me. In the presence of an audience, I can tell whether I'm funny or not, but in front of a microphone, how is one going to judge? It's like trying to make the kitchen range laugh. Still, I prefer the screen to the stage; because it affords the actor more of a chance to give a finished performance. An actor half a dozen times, perhaps more, on the set and the best performance is selected as the one for the screen. The ones that are not so good are discarded. These several 'takes,' as they are called, may reflect as many different moods of the player, too. When the picture is finished it is taken to some theatre and previewed. The audience does not know what it is going to see until the title is flashed on the screen. Studio executives are careful to keep the details of the preview a secret so that the players in the picture cannot round up a number of their friends and attend the first showing of the picture. This, of course, wouldn't do. The audience must look at the picture 'cold turkey' and the laughs, if there are any, must come from strangers. "By following this method, the studio executives get a pretty fair line on the performance of the individual players and of the picture as a whole."

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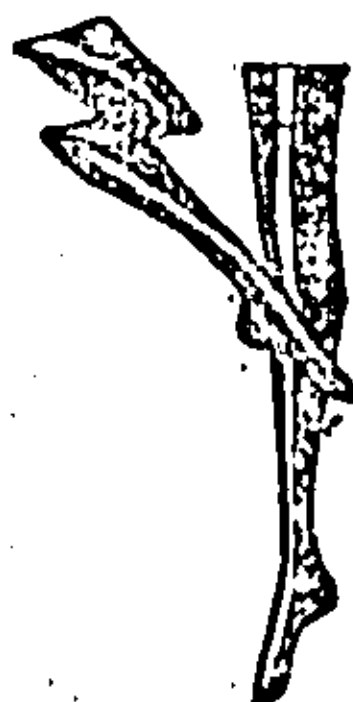
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THE BENNIE RAILPLANE

INSTITUTE TALK

TRIP TO CANTON VISUALISED

A most interesting talk on the Bennie Railplane, the invention of a Glasgow engineer, was given before an appreciative audience last evening, at the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, by Professor W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., who illustrated his paper with lantern slides.

Mr. P. T. Farrell, who presided, thanked the lecturer, after which a discussion took place as to the merits of the Bennie Railplane. Among those who took part in the discussion were Mr. C. J. Blackburn, Mr. F. P. R. James and Mr. F. C. Weller.

Introducing his subject, Professor Brown said:

Most of the papers read before this Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders are contributed by men who are engaged in the practice of one or other of the many branches of engineering. Their authors, naturally, and rightly, find their themes in their own daily life. The records they compile, the problems they discuss, the views they bring forward, the suggestions they have to offer, arise from their own every-day experience. And it is precisely the close relationship with professional practice that makes such papers of vital interest, and gives weight to the opinions expressed in them.

The paper, or lecture, which I have the honour to submit to you this evening is rather an exception to the general rule. For myself, I am not now engaged in, nor have I any close connexion with, practical engineering, and my subject, the Bennie Railplane, has hardly yet reached the stage of established practice. This novel method of rapid transportation is just emerging from the stage of invention and experiment, and the interest of it lies not in the present or the past, for it has no past and very little of a present,—but in its potentialities for the future.

All modern railway work involves civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering. The proposed Bennie Railplane includes all these, and adds some aeronautical interest, as it uses air-propellers as its means of propulsion. I hope then that what I have to say, and the lantern-pictures I have to show, may prove of general interest to the considerable variety of engineers in this audience. I have the initial advantage over most of you,—perhaps over all of you,—of having met the inventor, Mr. George Bennie, (during my repeated visits to Glasgow in 1931), of having discussed the railplane with him, or having seen the splendid model which he has in his city office, and inspected the full-scale demonstration line in running order.

Previous Talk.

Exactly eight months ago this evening, I gave an informal talk on a railplane to the engineering students at the University. I sent a newspaper report of it to Mr. Bennie, and a covering letter in which I mentioned the possibility that I might, towards the end of the year, be asked to give a similar lecture to this Institution. With a view to this, I asked him to send me as much technical data as he could,—facts and figures of all sorts relative to materials, dimensions, weight, costs, powers, records of performance and efficiency,—anything and everything that might enable me to offer an interesting and instructive paper to an audience of technical men, and to answer intelligent questions in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Bennie acknowledged my letter, and promised to write later with regard to the points I had raised. Thus far, however, no fresh information has reached me, and in submitting what follows I am largely dependent on my recollections of what I heard and saw in Glasgow over fifteen months ago. I trust, however, that the interest of many of you will be such as to overlook any deficiencies that may be observed as regards technical details.

The Bennie Railplane.

Developing his theme the lecturer continued:

The ceaseless demand for improved transport, with greater speed, safety, comfort, and economy, has directed the evolution of railway trains, automobiles, steam and motor-ships, airships and aeroplanes, to their present remarkable stages of development. Each of these means of travel has its own special advantages and limitations, and each is a compromise. Where speed is the prime consideration, the aeroplane is an easy first. It has the further merit that no track need be constructed for it, and in this respect it resembles the ship that ploughs the pathless ocean. But though improvements are continually being devised, it cannot yet be said that the aeroplane is by any means free from danger, and there are still many travellers who, with ample opportunity, are unwilling to trust themselves to the wings of flying. Long-distance trains in highly developed countries provide luxurious accommodation, with an average speed of approximately sixty miles per hour, while the passenger-plane of to-day can give quite remarkable comfort, and an average speed about double that of the fast train.

To indicate in the fewest words the character of the Bennie Railplane, we might call it an attempt to combine the speed of the aeroplane with the safety of the train. Hence the name "rail-plane". The new carrier is like an aeroplane that cannot fall, at any speed or at no speed; though it has no wings, and in appearance resembles rather a small airship.

A Working Model.

The idea of the railplane originated in the fertile brain of Mr. George Bennie, a well-known Glasgow engineer, who has several other inventions already to his credit. In a northern suburb of Glasgow, Mr. Bennie has had a full-scale demonstration rail-plane track erected over a short length of disused railway siding, and in his city office he has a wonderful working model in which all the operations are controlled electrically from a switch-board.

The full-scale car has accommodation for twenty passengers but with ordinary seating instead of arm-chairs it could take in double that number.

The body is largely of duralumin, an alloy of aluminium which, with virtually the same strength as mild steel, but only one-third of its weight, has come into general use in recent years in the construction of aeroplanes and airships.

With motors and all equipment the car weighs only about four tons, and thus it has a carrying capacity about equal to its unloaded weight. Contrast this with an ordinary railway train, where all the passengers and their baggage may weigh only six or seven per cent. of the empty coaches!

The car is suspended from an overhead monorail supported on trestles. The track-wheels are of special design, running with the minimum of resistance on roller-bearings, and embodying a novel idea of Mr. Bennie's to eliminate noise, a solid ring of rubber inside the tyre. The same device has been successfully tried-out on some of the underground railways in London, though thus far only on trailing wheels, and not on driving-wheels which have to transmit torque.

The track-wheels of the railplane have no function but to support the car, and run quietly and smoothly. They are used for neither driving nor braking. In the case of the railway locomotive, the pull it can give to the train is proportional to the weight pressing the driving-wheels against the rails. The tractive effort can be augmented temporarily, by using sand to increase the coefficient of friction, and it may be reduced almost to zero if from any cause the rail becomes slippery. But in the Bennie rail-plane the condition of the rail makes no difference to the running, and likewise weight of no value, as the car is driven, not through the track-wheels, but by means of air-screws.

Striking Advantages.

This mode of propulsion has some striking advantages. Starting up is very smooth; the absence of all jerking is decidedly attractive. Also, the reversal of the propellers, which can be done easily and almost instantaneously, makes a very gentle but effective brake. Brake-shoes, acting not on the wheels but on the track-rail, and on an inverted rail on the underside of the track-girder, provide more vigorous and positive braking. These friction brakes can be operated by hand and also by power, and the electrical application of them can be made automatic, controlled by the signals along the track.

The demonstration line in Glasgow takes its power from the adjacent tramway system, which operates on direct current at 500 volts. The air-screws, one at each end of the car, are under the series-parallel control usual on tramways.

Each motor has a normal rating of 60 horse-power, but is capable of a very large overload over short periods. The usual propeller speed is about 1,200 revolutions per minute, and this should give the car a linear speed on the level of about 120 miles an hour. The demonstration line is only a very short one, and it is impracticable to get up any high speed, in fact not more than 25 or 30 miles an hour. But the figure of 120 miles per hour claimed for normal running conditions may be readily accepted, as it is based on the very accurate knowledge of air-resistance and propeller performance obtained from aeroplane experience and research. Aero-dynamics has now become almost an exact science.

Internal Combustion.

Wherever electrical energy, either D.C. or A.C. is readily available, cheap rates, the Bennie Railplane would naturally make use of it; but in the absence of such, high-speed internal-combustion engines of the "aero" type could be used instead, with no important difficulties in weight or efficiency.

Such a car as is here used, of light weight, and suspended from an overhead rail, would be liable to sway a good deal, especially in a strong wind. It would also swing out through a big angle when rounding a curve at high speed. These tendencies are however controlled by horizontal wheels, attached to the underside of the car, which came into contact with a guide rail.

On an ordinary railway, where the propulsion depends on the adhesion of steel wheels on smooth steel rails, a gradient of 1 in 120 is considered rather steep, at least where high average speeds are called for. On a very steep gradient the tractive effort must be enormously increased while the force of adhesion is appreciably diminished. It is claimed for the Bennie Railplane that gradients up to 1 in 25 present no serious difficulty.

May Be Reversed.

The cars of the Bennie aero-railway could be run in either direction with equal ease, but not with equal efficiency. The propellers are less efficient when running in reverse. Hence it is intended that the cars should normally run in one direction only, and this involves the provision of a turn-table, or a loop, at least at every terminus.

A vital claim made for the Bennie Railplane system is that it is cheap, both for construction and for ordinary railways. The following comparative figures for costs of construction are supplied by the inventor.

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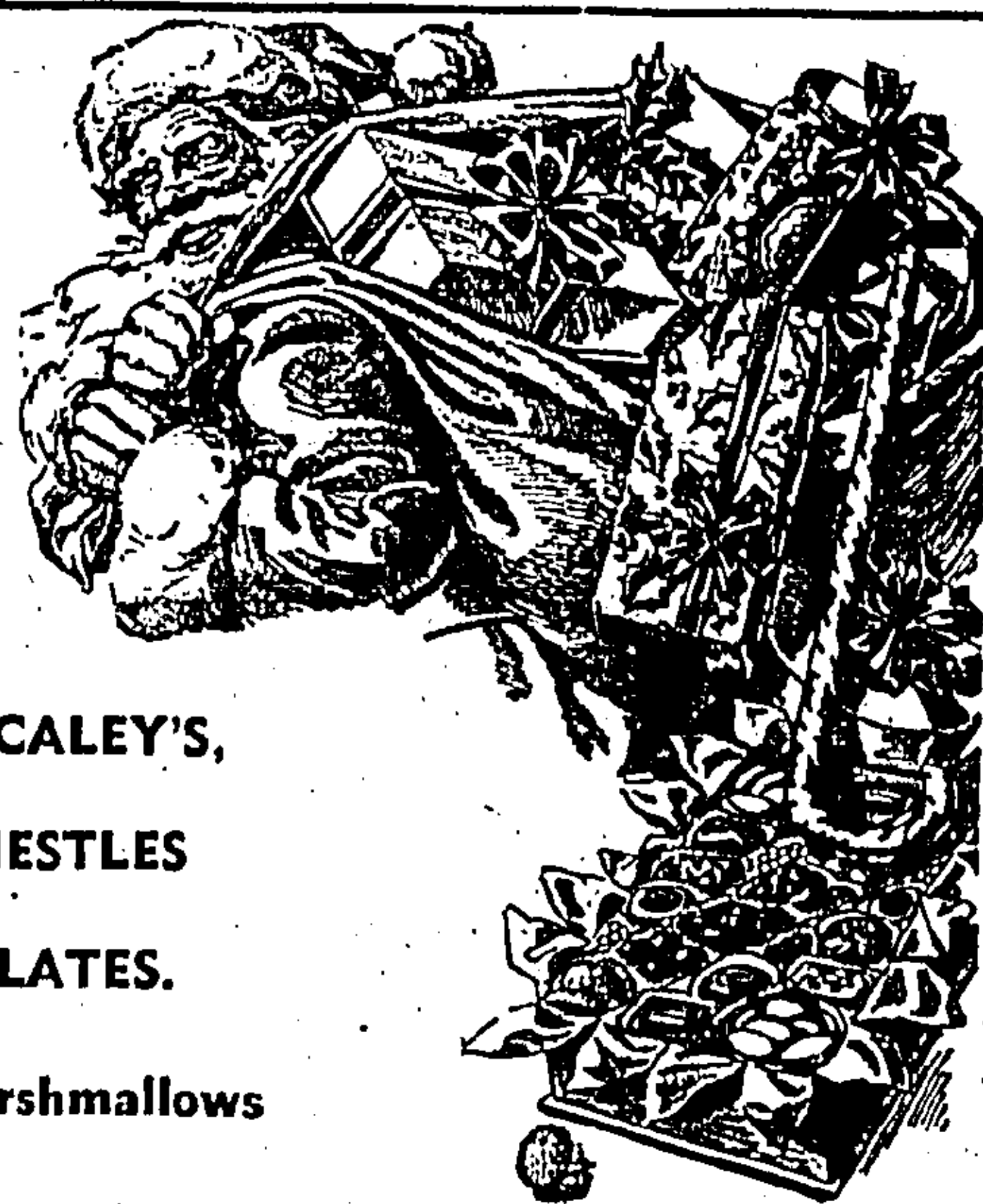
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Ground Work Minimized.

As regards fresh construction over hitherto undeveloped country, it should be observed that very little levelling would be necessary, as moderate variations of ground-level would be balanced by using trestles of different heights, and these trestles could be built-up from standard

dised parts. Also, the ground would be very little disturbed by the erection of a rail-plane overhead. Instead of cuttings and tunnels and embankments there would be merely a succession of small concrete foundations to support the trestles, while between these points, streams, roads, existing railways, and agricultural land would remain undisturbed.

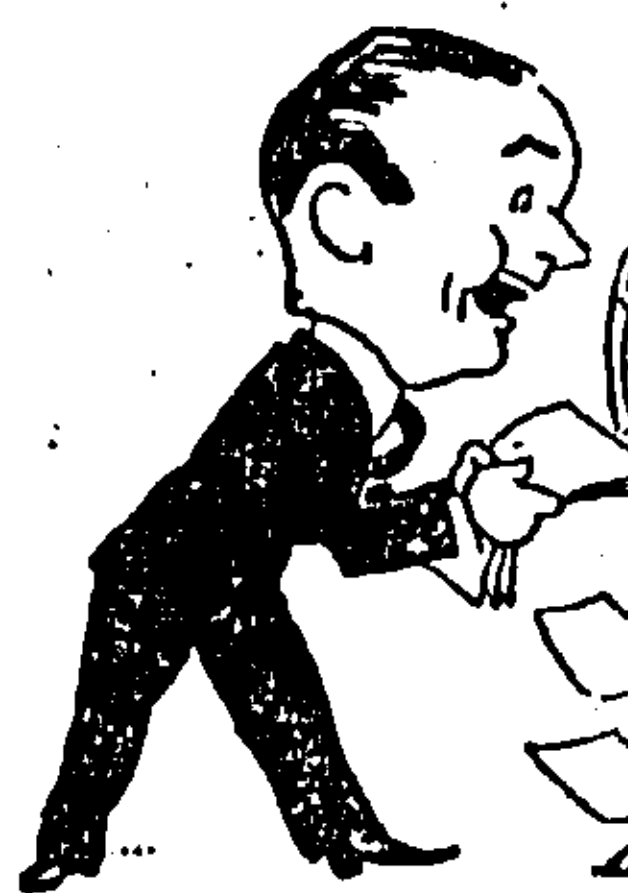
With regard to the cost of maintaining a rail-plane service, it should be realized that for a given route the high speed of travel means that only a small number of cars would be required. By way of example, Mr. Bennie discussed with me the probable service if a rail-plane line were erected between Glasgow and Edinburgh, a distance of about fifty miles. A car, accommodating say 40 passengers, could do this journey in 25 minutes, and could be back at the starting-point, ready for a second outward-trip, in little over one hour. Hence, only seven cars would be necessary to maintain normally a ten-minute service, capable of conveying each way about 280 passengers per hour. This high-frequency of service, and the possibility for the traveller

of commencing the journey practically at any moment without the necessity of consulting a time-table, would do much to attract passenger traffic.

For Kowloon-Canton?

It is interesting to speculate on the chances of seeing some day a Bennie Rail-plane running between Kowloon and Canton, over the existing railway. The only region in which a large deviation would be necessary would be between Yumtani and Shatin, and over that section the aeroline could follow very approximately the route taken by the motor road. The journey between the terminals would take just about one hour.

In the opinion of many competent judges the Bennie Railplane system is both mechanically and economically sound. The stage of invention may be regarded as practically over, and the inventor and his associates are now mainly concerned with advertisement and propaganda. The large number of interested enquiries they have received from governments and transport companies in many parts of the world encourage the hope that at no distant date the system may be widely adopted.

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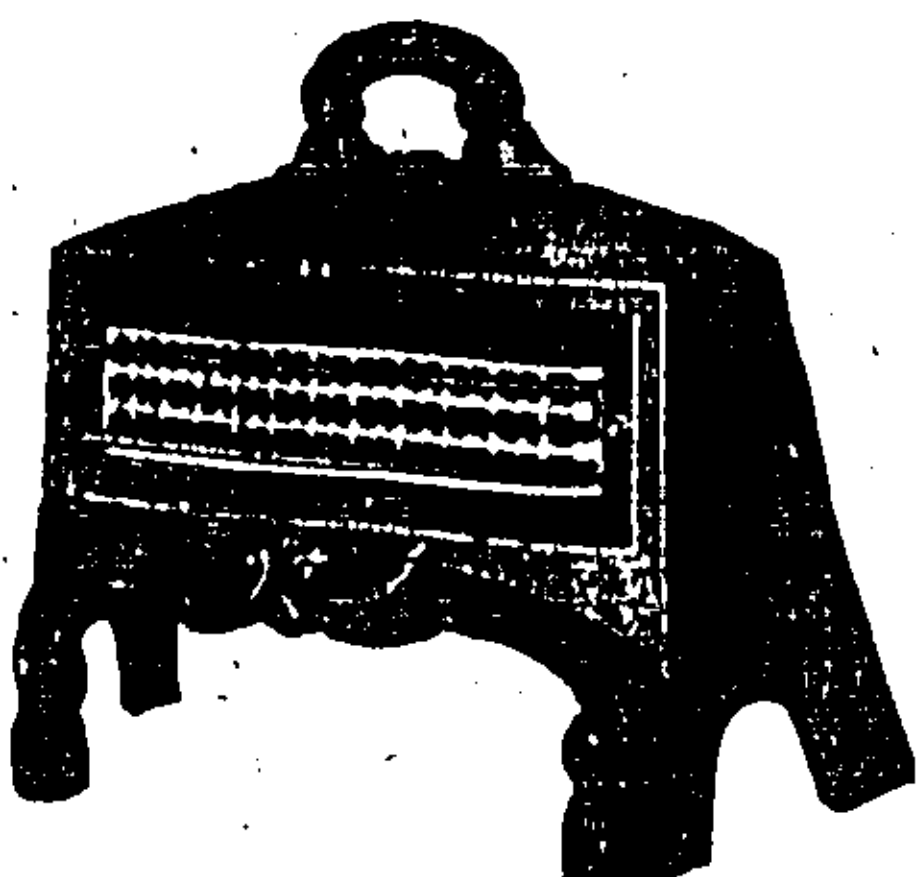
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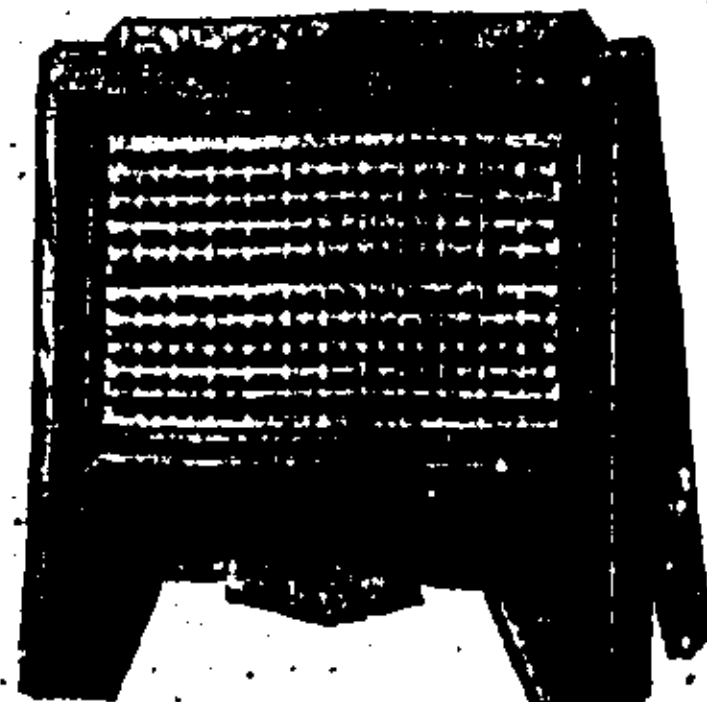
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1.—The Volunteer Corps Steeplechase (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies certified by the O.C. M.G.T., H.K.V.D.C., as regular Troop Ponies. First Division. Winners of 1932 of any Steeplechase including Unofficial Steeplechases barred. Weight for Inches as per Scale. To be ridden by members of the Troops. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Half Miles.

2.—The Tally Ho Steeplechase (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies approved by the Master as Hunters. Winners since 1st November, 1931 of a Steeplechase, or Hurdle race including Unofficial barred. Weight 168 lbs. Master's certificate to be forwarded with Entry. Entrance Fee \$5. Two Miles.

3.—The Ladies Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" & "E" Classes at time of entry. Winners of an Official or Unofficial Flat Race since 1st January 1932, barred. Weight 160 lbs. Ladies who have not won a flat race allowed 10 lbs. No Whips or Spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles. A Cup will be presented to the Winning Rider.

4.—The Polo Scoury (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies approved by the Committee of The Hongkong Polo Club as bona fide Polo Ponies. Winners this year of Stakes or a Prize whether Official or Unofficial in a Flat Race, Steeplechase or Hurdle Race, barred. Weight 168 lbs. To be ridden by playing members of The Hongkong Polo Club. No whips or spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. Half a Mile.

5.—The Christmas Plate.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class that have not at time of entry, won more than \$50 in Stakes since 1st January, 1932. Weight for Inches as per scale. To be ridden by Jockeys who have never won 10 races anywhere at any time. No whips or spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

6.—The Christmas Steeplechase.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Winners of any Steeplechase or Hurdle Race 10 lbs. Penalty Non-winners this Season allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee \$5. Two Miles.

7.—The Christmas Hurdle Race.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Winners of any Steeplechase or Hurdle Race 10 lbs. Penalty Non-winners this Season allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Half Miles.

Second Day's Programme.

1.—The Troop Steeplechase (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies certified by the O.C. M.G.T., H.K.V.D.C., as regular Troop Ponies. First Division. Winners of 1932 of any Steeplechase including Unofficial Steeplechases barred. Weight for Inches as per Scale. To be ridden by members of the Troops. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Half Miles.

2.—The United Services' Hurdle Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies, bona fide property of, and to be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Forces. Weight 168 lbs. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

3.—The New Year Hurdle Race.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Winners of any Steeplechase or Hurdle Race 10 lbs. Penalty Non-winners of this Season allowed 5 lbs. Jockey Allowance. Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

4.—The Ladies Sprint Race (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "E" Class that have not, at time of Entry, won more than \$50 in Stakes since 1st January 1932. Weight 160 lbs. Ladies who have not won a flat race allowed 10 lbs. No whips or spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. Six Furlongs.

5.—The New Year Steeplechase.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies. Weight for Inches as per Scale. Jockey allow-

THE CHINA COAST.

RECENT TRANSFERS AND
APPOINTMENTS

Capt. P. J. Green, of the Kaying, has gone command, Chennan.

Capt. A. F. Summerfield, of the Chennan, has gone command, Kaying.

Mr. E. Hardman, second officer, Sinkiang, has gone second officer, Antung.

Mr. J. G. Lincoln, third officer, Antung, has gone second officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. W. R. Kirkland, second officer, Chennan, has gone sup'y second officer, Fatshan.

Mr. W. E. Hargrave, second officer, Chungking, has gone second officer, Chennan.

Mr. J. Paterson, chief officer, Kiating, has gone chief officer, Anhui.

Mr. P. F. M. de Freitas, chief officer, Anhui, has gone command, Shaal.

Capt. J. H. Hodgkins, of the Ngankin, has gone command, Changsha.

Capt. E. Johnson, of the Changsha, has gone command, Kiating.

Capt. R. Kettlewell, sup'y master, Wanhien, is on home leave.

Mr. M. P. Beard, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, Tanchow.

Mr. G. T. M. Ramsay, from home leave, has gone chief officer, Ngankin.

Mr. D. L. Campbell, second officer, Soochow, has gone second officer, Shuntien.

Mr. P. Swan, second officer, Shuntien, has gone second officer, Soochow.

Mr. J. W. A. Whitney, sup'y second officer, from in transit, has gone sup'y second officer, Wanhien.

Mr. R. B. Peck, chief engineer officer, Kueichow, is on short leave.

Mr. C. W. Bainbridge, sup'y second engineer officer, Kwangchow, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Kueichow.

Mr. R. Howie, sup'y third engineer officer, Kaying, is on short leave.

Mr. W. C. Sommerville, third engineer officer, Sinkiang, is on short leave.

Mr. D. F. Stratton, sup'y third engineer officer, Kaying, has gone third engineer officer, Sinkiang.

Mr. P. Cameron, sup'y third engineer officer, Kaying, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Kalgan.

Mr. E. Sweet, sup'y second engineer officer, Kaying, has gone sup'y second engineer officer, Kalgan.

Mr. J. P. J. Maher, sup'y chief engineer officer, is on short leave.

Mr. J. S. McDonald, second engineer officer, Soochow, has gone second engineer officer, Kiating.

Mr. F. L. Pears, sup'y third engineer officer, Wanhien, has gone acting second engineer officer, Soochow.

Mr. W. A. S. McMurtrie, sup'y third engineer officer, Wanhien, has gone third engineer officer, Luchow.

Mr. J. Bruce, third engineer officer, Luchow, has gone sup'y third engineer officer, Wanhien.

Mr. C. Duff, sup'y second engineer officer, from short leave, has gone sup'y second engineer officer, Wanhien.

Mr. E. Bruce, from reserve, has gone sup'y second officer, Soochow.

Capt. R. Hughes, from home leave, has gone sup'y master, Suiaang.

Mr. C. M. Bone, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Pooasang.

Mr. R. A. Keen, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Hopang.

Mr. A. J. Piggett, chief officer, Hopang, is on reserve.

Mr. A. McEn, Marshall, from home leave, has gone second engineer officer, Kutwo.

Entrance Fee \$5. One and a Half Miles.

6.—The New Year Stakes.—Winner \$200. Second \$100. Third \$50. For China Ponies classified by The Hongkong Jockey Club as "D" Class that have not, at time of Entry, won more than \$50 in stakes since 1st January 1932. Weight 150 lbs.

2 lbs. Penalty for every \$100 or part thereof won in stakes since 1st January, 1932. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won 10 races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs. Entrance Fee \$5. One Mile.

7.—The "M. L." Scramble (Unofficial).—Winner \$150. Second \$75. Third \$25. For China Ponies certified by the O.C. M.G.T., H.K.V.D.C., as regular Troop Ponies, Second Division. Winners of a Troop Flat Race at Macao or Kwanli barred. Weight 168 lbs. To be ridden by members of the Troop. Entrance Fee \$5.

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IMPORTANT RULING BY COURT

An interesting ruling regarding the working of sugar cane cargoes on Sunday was made by the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, when he dismissed a case brought by Sub-Inspector Wright against Captain T. F. O'wen, the master of the s.s. On Lee, for having worked cargo on Sunday, November 27, without a permit.

Mr. M.K. Lo appeared for the accused, and tendered a plea of not guilty.

Sergeant Hill said he boarded the On Lee on the day in question and found a cargo of sugar cane being worked. He asked the complainant whether he had a permit to work cargo on Sunday, and received a reply in the negative.

Comdr. Hole said that a few weeks ago he had a similar case where the complainant was not present, and he dismissed it. He had since gone into the case rather carefully to find out whether sugar cane could be considered as a cargo of a perishable nature, to be landed at once. As a result of his inquiries, he came to the conclusion that sugar cane could be classed in that category, and he therefore was going to give a ruling that in future sugar cane will be considered of a perishable nature.

BIG WHEAT SALE TO CHINA

AMERICAN GROWERS AND A LOAN

Washington, Dec. 8. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has agreed to the terms upon which they will entertain the application of the North Pacific Grain Growers' Association for a loan to finance the sale of six million bushels of wheat to China.

It is stated that no formal application has been received for such a loan, but the conditions

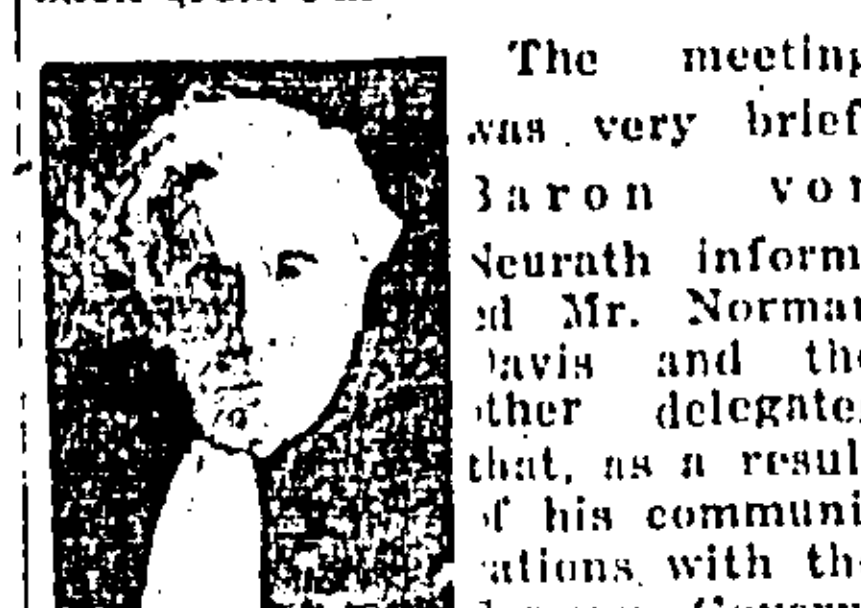
DISARMAMENT

FIVE-POWER MEETING

GERMANY WILLING TO RE-ENTER ON CONDITIONS

Geneva, Dec. 9. Germany has declared her willingness to re-enter the Disarmament Conference under certain conditions.

This was announced following another meeting of the five principal Powers, Britain, France, United States, Germany and Italy, Sir John Simon presiding in the absence of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who is now on his way back from Paris.



M. Boncour.

The meeting was very brief. Baron von Neurath informed Mr. Norman Davis and the other delegates that, as a result of his communications with the German Government, he was able to announce

Germany's acceptance of the American plan and willingness to re-enter the Disarmament Conference provided she was conceded "equality in every respect."

M. Paul Boncour, the French delegate, French Minister of War, asked him to state in writing what he meant by "equality in every respect."

It is generally felt that the French will not accept the principle that equality should be the starting-point of the future discussions.—Reuter.

have been sent to the Association officials for their consideration.

This huge purchase of wheat by Nanking has been the subject of very strong criticism from Canton recently.—Reuter.

LATEST NAVAL MOVEMENTS

FOREIGN WARSHIPS LEAVE

Naval movements during the past two or three days have been confined to foreign vessels, three of which have left the Colony since yesterday morning. The U.S. gunboat Asheville departed for Swatow yesterday morning and was followed this morning by the Portuguese cruiser Adamastor, which departed for Macao, and the French gunboat Argus, en route to the West River.

The U.S.S. Fulton arrived from West River early this morning, and at 8.30 fired a salute of 17 guns to the Commander-in-Chief, the salute being returned by H.M.S. Hermes.

The Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Howard Kelly, will leave by H.M.S. Tarantula early to-morrow morning on a visit of inspection to Canton. He will not return to Hongkong for a few days.

STOCK MARKET REPORTS

DULL CONDITIONS IN LONDON

London, Dec. 8.

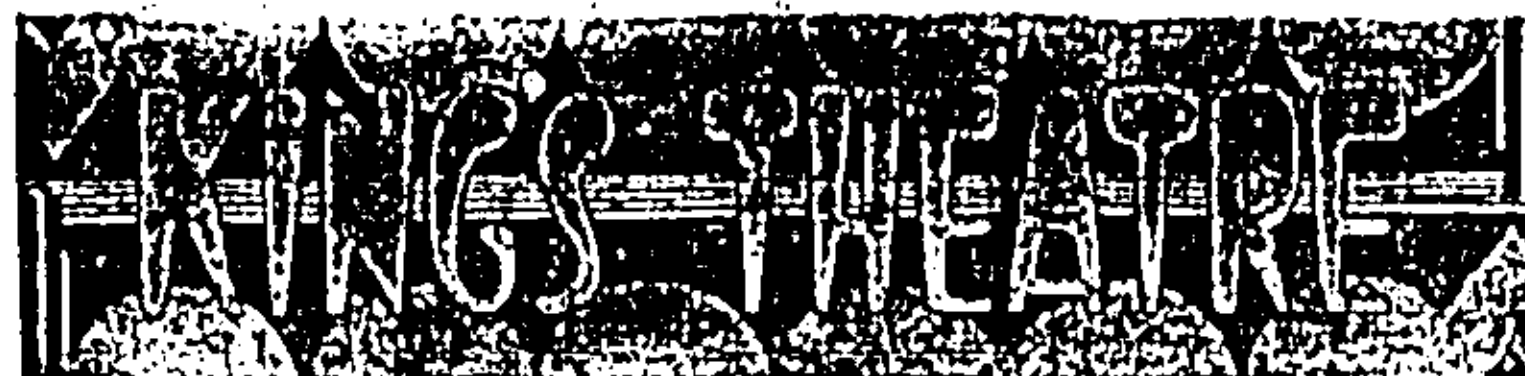
According to Messrs. Swan, Calbertson and Fritz, the markets on the London Stock Exchange have ruled very dull. Gold-mining shares, especially, are weaker.

On the New York Stock Exchange, slight rises are reported in the Dow Jones averages.

Messrs. E.A. Pierce and Co. report:—The market undertone has substantially improved since the end of last week, but there has been no appreciable increase in outside buying. The lack of liquidation continues to be the important feature. We would expect stock prices to be higher later in the month. Business done: 700,000 shares.—Reuter.

Amongst passengers arriving by the Empress of Japan to-day were Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Bousfield and Mr. A. Cameron.

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TSUN WAN MURDER

COOLIE ATTACKED BY FALSE FRIEND

Police in the New Territories are making a vigilant search for three Chinese alleged to be responsible for committing a murder yesterday afternoon at Tsun Wan, where Wan Fan, 35, a labourer connected with the Shing Mun Water scheme was done to death in a lonely hill-side.

The body has been recovered

but the three assailants have escaped.

According to the sole eye-witness of the murder, Wan Tak-chung, uncle of victim, they went to cut wood in the hill-side yesterday at noon and while approaching a path at Tsun Wan they were approached by three men; thought to be friends. The three men sat on Wan Fan and his excitement. Wan Tak-chung fled. On returning to the scene he found his nephew had been murdered. He attributes the murder to revenge over a woman.